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BRITISH TROOPS DIG DOWN INTO SLUSH AND MUD

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, OCT. 29 (UP).—"GENERAL WINTER", ARCH-ENEMY OF BOTH THE GERMANS AND THE ALLIES, HAS OPENED HIS OFFENSIVE ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

On the Allied side of No-Man's Land, British troops are digging through frost and snow-covered slush in order to consolidate their positions in preparation for the anticipated Nazi push.

Heavy movements of aircraft behind the German lines, coupled with intensified patrol activity, are believed to be the prelude to the anticipated German attack.

HEAVIEST BARRAGE OF WAR

German front line batteries, including big guns which have so far not been used, hurled the heaviest barrage of the war against the French positions in front of the Maginot Line throughout last night.

The French immediately intensified their own fire along a 90-mile front from the Moselle to the Rhine.

The big guns roared throughout the day, the bombardments soon becoming the most severe duel the war has yet seen.

Judging from the fast tempo of the firing, the Germans used about 20,000 rounds of big shells in 24 hours. They have, however, made no impression on the French defences.

RUSSIA'S DEMANDS

Not Impossible
Believes Finland

HELSINKI, Oct. 29 (Reuters).—While the strictest secrecy is maintained regarding the Soviet demands and the nature of the Finnish reply, general optimism prevails in Helsinki and there is a belief that an amicable settlement will be reached.

The reported statement by Stalin that the U.S.S.R. does not intend interference with the Scandinavian countries or encroachment of Finnish independence is received with great appreciation.

Meanwhile Finland is leaving nothing to chance and continues to concentrate all her resources in readiness for any eventuality.

Reply To Russia

HELSINKI, Oct. 29 (UP).—The Cabinet completed their deliberations over the draft of the Finnish reply to Russia.

In the inner Cabinet, M. Eriko, the special envoy; M. Tanner, the Minister of Finance; the Minister of Defence and the Premier studied the Russian proposals throughout the day.

The atmosphere was expectant and not unduly pessimistic.

The city was completely blacked out tonight. There were also additional troop movements throughout the night, but the purpose could not be ascertained.

The populace is calm and has been PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

FIVE RAIDERS SAID LOOSE IN ATLANTIC

PARIS, Oct. 29 (Reuters).—Five German raiders appear to be operating in North and South Atlantic, according to the military correspondent of the "Intransigent."

This correspondent says that from incomplete evidence, the raiders are reported to be two pocket battleships, the Deutschland and the Admiral von Scheer, and three other vessels, the Westphalen, Friesland and Ostmark, which before the war were supply ships for German South Atlantic plane services.

Another raider, the Schwabenland, is reported to have sunk the steamer Clement and was sunk herself a few days afterwards by British cruisers.

The British Admiralty has confirmed that the Clement was sunk by the Deutschland.

Viceroy's New Invitation

NEW DELHI, Oct. 29 (Reuters).—The Viceroy is reported to have invited the leaders of Congress and the Muslim League to Delhi for a discussion during the coming week.

U.S. Senate Act May Be Major Tragedy for Nazis

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Oct. 28 (UP).—Informed circles hail the Senate neutrality vote as possibly the most important single development of the war and assert that it will formidably increase the Allies resources.

When it becomes effective, the United States will be able to promptly ship to France \$58,000,000 worth of supplies, principally planes and \$14,000,000 to Great Britain.

The London "Evening Standard" says: "Germany must interpret this decision as another defeat to her cause."

The "Star": "There has been exciting and sensational happenings in Europe this week but the action of the United States is likely to outweigh all as a factor of victory." Berlin Nazis do not attempt to hide their displeasure. Informed circles there intimate that Germany may intensify war preparations in an attempt to make an immediate knockout blow to Great Britain.

Sunday Comment

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuters).—The "Observer" commenting on Neutrality Bill developments in Washington, states:

"The move was dictated by America's own interests. The United States is now still more determined to stay out of the war at all costs. 'If we were 2,000 miles away from Europe, we would also feel like that.' The 'Sunday Times' says that the Senate has removed a measure which really was weighing the balance against us."

Pointing out that the revised Neutrality Bill is not yet law, the newspaper adds that when it becomes so, its importance will be felt if the war is prolonged.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 29 (UP).—The vote in favour of repeal of the arms embargo is considered here as a great success for the Allied cause.

Reaction in Holland

The "Algemeen Handelsblad" comments: "The unequivocal and convincing Senate vote is, no doubt, illustrative of the sympathy of the majority of the American people."

"Although formally maintaining the United States' neutrality in an irreproachable manner, the Senate has now made it probable that the great powers adhering to the same principles and ideals of individual freedom as America, will indirectly get material aid of the greatest importance."

WOODBINES FOR THE TROOPS

LONDON, Oct. 29 (UP).—The War Office has announced that Lord Nuffield has made a gift of £1,000 to the Overseas League Tobacco Fund to provide "smokes" for the British troops.

In an accompanying letter, Lord Nuffield said: "I understand this will be sufficient to provide one million cigarettes."

R.A.F. BATTLE THROUGH SNOW AND ICE OVER REICH

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuters).—An epic story of the first Air Force reconnaissance over South Germany, carried out on Friday night in icy conditions, was told to a special "Reuters" correspondent who interviewed some fliers on their way home.

The correspondent says that the flight lasted several hours. Almost as soon as the planes crossed the frontier they ran into a blanket of fog and snow. The cold was so intense that some of the crews were sick. All were numb and were almost senseless.

The fliers formed on the wings and the control wires had to be yanked free with stiffened fingers every few minutes. The temperature at one period was 30 degrees below zero. Ice six inches thick collected on the cowling and the men's breath froze on their goggles. Nevertheless, all aircraft reached their objectives and completed their mission, apart from one which was forced to turn back shortly after crossing the frontier.

German Activity

LONDON, Oct. 28 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced last night that R.A.F. planes made further reconnaissance flights over certain areas of southern Germany. All aircraft returned safely.

It was also announced that one German plane was brought down near Dumfries, (Scotland) during an air alarm there. Later, an alarm was sounded in the Orkney Islands, when a German plane was seen flying low. It was chased off.

There was considerable aerial activity during the forenoon at various centres in south-eastern Scotland. It is reported that the noise of the planes was easily heard, but none were seen due to the hazy condition of the weather.

Ether Duel

"Freedom" Radio Is
Jammed By Nazis

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuters).—Another duel took place today in Germany between the anti-Hitler "Freedom" station and Nazi radio jammers.

Five minutes after the "Freedom" broadcast started, jammers got to work. The station changed its frequency several times and jammers followed the change almost immediately.

Appeal To Catholics

However, listeners could get a gist of the announcer's words. He said the Nazis had been dealt a severe blow by the American repeal of the Arms Embargo. He also referred to the Papal Encyclical and urged Roman Catholics in Germany to rise against Hitler (as he has repeatedly urged in the last few days). The announcer said that a prominent German Catholic leader had been executed in a Nazi concentration camp.

Lawlessness Of The U-Boats

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuters).—A special commentary issued today states that special interest has been aroused in Britain at the Premier's recent speech in which he referred to the growing lawlessness of the U-boat campaign, particularly the number of women and children on the passenger lists.

It is noted that about 50 per cent. of these are reported missing.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 29 (UP).—A heavy storm off the Isle of Moen is driving live mines ashore. Ten were stranded today. The storm is hampering shipping.

Record Defence Budget In U.S.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (UP).—America's Annual national defence costs are somewhere above the billion dollar mark to-day, with no prospect of relief until peace returns to Europe.

From a budgeted \$494,000,000 for national defence in the fiscal year 1934, President Roosevelt has gradually raised the ante to \$1,126,000,000 for the current fiscal year.

But since submitting that estimate to Congress last January, international developments became so menacing that the sum was greatly exceeded.

The Congress which adjourned more than two months ago, appropriated \$1,645,000,000 for strictly national defence purposes in this fiscal year, divided almost exactly between the Army and Navy. A lesser definition of the term would increase the sum by more than \$500,000,000.

Notable in the naval appropriation were funds to continue work on 121 naval vessels and lay keels of 23 more, including two 45,000 ton battleships.

Funds were obtained to increase the Army Air Corps strength to 5,500 planes by July 1, 1941.

National defence appropriations for this fiscal year are 95 per cent. greater than for the fiscal year which ended last June 30. It may not be necessary to maintain that pace of increases but the chance of pulling defence costs below \$1,000,000,000 annually is too small now for consideration.

LATEST

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Further Late News

Hitler's Talk With Il Duce

Offensive Against
Britain Discussed

PARIS, Oct. 29 (Reuters).—After conferring with Gauleiters last week, Hitler had a long telephone conversation with Signor Mussolini, according to rumours reaching "Hayes" from the German frontier.

The two Dictators are said to have discussed the chances of a big offensive against Britain.

Il Duce is said to have been very reserved with regard to its being successful.

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LETTERS

Tax Your Neighbour?

The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—Now that citizens have had plenty of time to put forward their pet taxes, it is to be hoped that they have not been grinding axes, that their own tax would not have hit somebody else very hard. It is necessary to question ourselves first. For so many of us think our neighbour's wage too high, profits exorbitant, way of life entirely wrong.

Tecotillars are wont to advocate taxation of alcohol; non-smokers vote for a tobacco tax. Careful folks would place "imposts" on luxuries; play boys shout for the property tax.

Citizens should explain methods of taxation that they are expert on, that is, the one which would hit them.

W. H. H.

New Taxation

Sir,—No complicated machinery would be required for the collection of any of the following taxes, which fall directly on those best able to pay.

- 1.—10 per cent. surcharge on the cost of all telegrams sent.
- 2.—double the "stamp duty" on all Assignments.
- 3.—20 per cent. on the winning of "Cash sweepstake."
- 4.—10 per cent. on the winning only of pari-mutuel bets.
- 5.—Double the duty on perfumes, cosmetics and similar luxuries.
- 6.—10 per cent. on all club and hotel bills.
- 7.—\$10 per annum on every telephone.
- 8.—\$100 per annum on every motor car, excluding taxis, buses and trucks.
- 9.—\$100 on every bathing shed in Hongkong and the mainland.

It is not difficult to estimate what any of the above will bring.

J. W. N.

Rent-Profiteers

Sir,—I suggest that Government should tax the increases on rent to the full extent of such increase. I have just been offered a flat at \$175 a month, the rent paid by the outgoing tenant being \$130.

N.B.W.

Answers To Correspondents

Enquirer.—No name, no address, no publication.—Ed.
E.D.—Not allowed to publish names of ships.—Ed.

RUSSIA'S DEMANDS

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prepared for any eventuality for many days.

Russian Troops in Latvia

MOSCOW, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—The first Soviet troops to enter Latvia arrived at a Latvian frontier town this morning.

They are on their way to future Soviet naval and air bases on the coast.

To Leave To-morrow

HELSINKI, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—The Finnish delegation is expected to leave on the third trip to Moscow on Tuesday.

They will take with them Finland's reply to the latest Russian proposals over the drafting of which the Cabinet had been busy over the week-end.

Party leaders were brought together to-day to hear details of the proposals.

Agreement was reached after two days of discussion between the Government and party leaders.

The final text is now being drafted.

THE "TELEGRAPH"

will send a Staff Photographer to all events of public interest. Requests should be addressed to the Pictorial Editor.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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The Annual General Meeting of the above Association will be held in the Board Room, South China Morning Post, Ltd., on Friday, November 10th at 6.15 p.m.

Business: Annual Report and Statement of Accounts. Election of Officers. Recommendations to Incoming Committee.

W. MULCAHY,

Hon. Secretary.

Eastern Beat Navy 6-2

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rising shot, but Lau was not giving anything away and picked the ball from the left corner of the goal.

O'Regan received from Heup to test Lau again, but Lau just managed to tip the ball over for a corner.

From the rest of the game, a melee in front of Eastern goal saw the tussled head of Thorburn connect to open the scoring for the Navy.

Cheng then changed with Hsu and the change was felt very keenly by the Navy when this player led attack after attack on the Navy area.

Thorburn was using his head to good advantage and Lau was kept quite busy clearing.

Eastern gained the ascendancy for a few minutes when Hsu made a fine run down the line and sent in a very dangerous centre.

Their anxiety to get the equaliser caused the Eastern forwards to be pulled up almost every time they attacked. Mr. Foster handled the game very well, but was not very popular with the Chinese supporters who failed to see the tactical "one back" play of the Navy.

EASTERN RALLY

EASTERN rallied and imperceptibly took the game from the hands of the Navy. The result was Robinson was called upon to save point blank shots from Hsu and Cheng which did in grand style.

Hsu returned to the attack but attempted to dribble the goalie and spoiled a fine chance of scoring.

FIRST REWARD

SHORTLY afterwards, Chung brought the crowd to its feet with a grand goal as could be seen. With Robinson sprawling on the ground after saving a hot shot from him, he followed up and sent it into the empty goalmouth.

This put new life into them and they rained attack after attack on the Navy area. Unchallenged, Hsu ran in with Cheng and Robinson in close defence, but he made the fatal mistake of passing to Chung and the referee blew offside.

The second half was as exciting a sequel as one could wish, and the few lapses of the Navy detracted from the turn of the table for them.

Hsu received from Lo and Robinson was called upon to save point blank again. It became almost a duel between Hsu and Robinson.

At this stage, little unpleasantness was evidenced with the number of infringements, elbows being much in evidence and back charging.

Kong was a tower of strength and totally eclipsed Tsang, his speed, strong kicks and positioning spoiling many of the Navy's attacks. He brought his head to good use, now and again heading almost to midfield.

DEFENCE STRAIN

CHUNG now showed his mettle as Robinson soon found out. The ball bounced from his hands from a point blank shot from Chung but that did not inconvenience him from going full length to save the follow-up shot of Chung.

Roughly and Henson was feeling the strain, and were becoming slightly erratic in their passes with the consequence that an attack was hardly repulsed before the ball was back again.

Chung outmanoeuvred Robinson to score the Eastern's second goal from a rebound from Henson's foot. A convergence of Eastern players on the Navy's goalmouth resulted in Chung adding another goal. He was Robinson's unsighted. But Middleton showed that the Navy still had a sting when he caused Lau to save with his left hand from an angled shot.

Yee took the ball from the goal kick and tested Robinson who went full length. The ball was dribbling slowly into the goal when Henson made a gallant attempt to kick out, but Chung was there first and secured his hat trick.

At this period, Coles suffered an injury to his left elbow, but resumed play to a burst of cheering.

Hsu centred and the ball hit the crossbar to rebound into play for Cheng to tap the ball in. Hsu culminated a flashy display by tricking roughly and rounding him scored with Robinson unsighted.

LAST EFFORT

UNDAUNTED the Navy strove for the upper hand and after a spirited attempt Middleton culminated a fine run with an equally fine goal. The last few minutes of the game saw the Eastern pressing and their efforts were rewarded with Cheng adding the sixth of his goal.

The blow with the Navy still trying. Navy—Robinson; Roughly; Henson; Heup; Hzaed, Coles; Phillips; Allison, O'Regan, Thorburn, Middleton.

Eastern—Lau, Hin-hen; Kong Sing-kin; Tsang Chung-wan; S. Lau, Cheng Ying-kuen, Lo Wai-kuen; Yee Hak-hing, Chung Kin-hai, Tham Joe-tak, Hsu King-sing, Hsu Ching-to.

Britain's Raid Warnings Criticised Protest Follows Explanation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 29 (UP).—A protest against the apparent ineptitude of Britain's air raid warning system has been lodged in East Lothian.

The protest followed the British Air Minister's explanation in Parliament last Wednesday when he answered critics of two possible systems of warnings: firstly, to sound warnings only when, in the judgment of the officer commanding, an aerial attack on the district in question is probable.

"The first alternative would result in frequent interruption of industrial activity, often without any real need," Sir Kingsley Wood explained. "The other involves an element of risk, but recent experience shows it is the right policy to adopt."

Local Authorities' Difficulties

He further explained that the absence of a warning does not mean the air defences are not working—on the contrary, action against the enemy may proceed without any warning being sounded.

He expressed the opinion that local authorities in various districts are not competent to exercise their discretion to sound local warnings, even in the event of actual aerial activities, because the attacks change their nature and direction so rapidly that it is impossible for minor local authorities to have a comprehensive and continuous view of the situation such as that possessed by the Air Force Officer Commanding.

Govt. Loses A Minister

Death Of Lieut-Col. A. J. Muirhead

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Lieut. Col. A. J. Muirhead, until recently Under-Secretary of State for India.

Lieut. Col. Muirhead represented the Wells Division of Somerset as a Unionist since 1929.

In the 1931-35 Government, he was Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Ministers of Agriculture and Fisheries (Sir John Gilmour and Mr. Walter Elliot), and became Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour in 1935.

Since then he has held the office of Under-Secretary of State for India, and has been responsible for answering questions of the House of Commons on India and Burma.

Among other things, Lieut. Colonel Muirhead was a member of the Oxfordshire County Council.

Assurances To Belgium

Contraband System Explained

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Economic Warfare has issued a statement on the detention of ships carrying cargoes and food to neutral countries.

The statement was in reply to reports from Belgium reporting anxiety over the holding up of food supplies.

The Ministry explains that the only cargo held up was grain for Antwerp, which was only detained as there were other cargoes on the same ship which might be contraband, or cereals which were destined for countries other than Belgium.

Ships carrying grain and covered by Belgian guarantee that they are not destined for other countries are not detained.

Ribbentrop's New Move

Meets Bulgarian Irregulars

PARIS, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—Agents of Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Minister, received several leaders of the Comitadj (Bulgarian irregulars) from Dobrudja and Macedonia during the past few days, according to a "Havas" despatch from the German frontier.

Importance is attached to these meetings as it is reported that they were in connection with political developments in the Balkans.

Norwegian Ship Sunk

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—A Norwegian steamer was sunk in the North Sea to-day.

The crew of 30 were landed. Three of them were injured and were taken to hospital.

MANCHURIA AND REICH

Rumours Of Big Trade Agreement

BERLIN, Oct. 28 (UP).—German informants claim that they have been informed from Dairien that Russia had agreed to transport one million tons of vegetables and meat from Manchukuo to Germany, via the Russian Railways.

If true, this would mean that Germany has solved an important part of her acute food problem.

A German news broadcast states that the Russian-German exchange of trade will reach an annual figure of two billion marks.

Russia will, it adds, supply Germany with "thousands and even millions" of tons of oil, cotton, ores, wool and flax in exchange for German machinery, chemicals and industrial plants.

Counteracting Nazi Lies

Novel Organisation In South Africa

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—The Union Unity Fund (organised to counteract Nazi propaganda) is forming branches in South-West Africa, Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Kenya and Tanganyika.

It is also intended to form a truthful service bureau which will give effect to the fund's aims by means of pamphlets (photographs, maps and films which will be moved from place to place).

A special lie detection department is also to be organised.

This will consist of economists, historians and students of international affairs who will answer the untruths in Nazi broadcasts.

ARMCHAIR STRATEGISTS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BALTIMORE, Oct. 27 (UP).—Mr. Harry Woodring, the Secretary of State for War, has denounced the "dangerously prevalent" assumptions by "armchair strategists" that entry of the United States into the war is inevitable.

He stressed the importance of naval, army and industrial economic preparation as the best defence against aggression and designs on the United States and scoffed at the suggestions that the United States would permit the export of defensive arms or ban the export of offensive arms.

Recent developments, said Mr. Woodring, demand the improvement of the Army's speed of movement.

Greeks Ready To Defend Country

ATHENS, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—King George of Greece declared to-day that if necessary the Greek nation will defend its lands, air and sea.

The King was speaking to newly-sworn officers of the Greek Air Force.

He said the Greek people, who understood the danger of unpreparedness in the air, had voluntarily contributed over £600,000 for the air force.

Babies' Gas Masks

Anti-gas information for mothers of young children is contained in a circular which the Lord Privy Seal has sent to Edinburgh Authorities.

Anti-gas under about two and a half years, the circular states, are being produced at the rate of several thousands a day. Many thousands have been issued to the most vulnerable areas.

Supplies of the respirators for small children between the ages of about two and a half and four are becoming available. These respirators are the same in principle as ordinary civilian respirators, but lighter.

Until these become available, children between two and a half and four can be completely protected by the small-size ordinary civilian respirator.

The facepiece must be lifted on the face by tightening the strap which passes over the top of the head, and the eyepiece will be above the level of the eyes, but that will not matter so long as the facepiece makes contact all round the face.

In the event of there being reason to apprehend attack by gas, the Government will broadcast advice as to methods by which anti-gas protection could be improvised for babies and young children for whom protective helmets and respirators may not yet be available.

Counties Join Mosquito War

FT. PIERCE, Fla. (UP).—The Florida East Coast Anti-Mosquito Association has been formed. Approximately 30 counties joined in the association war on the malaria-bearing pest.

Co-operation of the state board of health will be asked.

Sentry Shoots Two Canadian Missionaries

Serious Incident In Kiangsu

PEIPING, Oct. 30 (Reuter).—Two Canadian Jesuit missionaries have been shot, one seriously, by a Japanese sentry at Yaolou, ten miles south-west of Hsuehchow, Kiangsu.

According to a Japanese Army report, three men, dressed in Chinese clothes, passed in on cycles late yesterday afternoon.

Sentry's Mistake

The sentry thought that they were trying to escape him and he fired twice, wounding two, after which he discovered them to be Canadian missionaries.

The names of the wounded missionaries are not known.

No Mission version of the affair is yet available.

It will be recalled that a few weeks ago, the Japanese Army arrested two Canadian missionaries of the Hsuehchow Mission (to which these three belonged) and held them incommunicado for a considerable time.

Japanese Allegations

SHANGHAI, Oct. 30 (Reuter).—A Japanese Army spokesman here alleged that the Rev. J. S. W. Ryding, a British missionary in Chenliu (Hunan Province) had been in close touch with Chinese guerrillas who raided that town, causing considerable damage.

The allegation was made in the course of a denial that there is an anti-foreign movement in Chenliu.

Later the Rev. Ryding left the town and went to Tsingtao, the spokesman added.

Belgium And Neutrality

New Affirmation By The Primate

BRUSSELS, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—At a service of intercession for peace at Brussels to-day, the Primate of Belgium again reaffirmed Belgium's determination to preserve her neutrality.

The Primate was speaking in the presence of King Leopold and members of the Government.

Would Be A Crime

He said it would be a crime for Belgium to join the war unless her existence was threatened.

Belgium was always loyal to engagements and had had no part in the cause of the present war.

The Primate urged on all Catholics spiritual mobilisation for the sake of Belgium and the future of Europe.

K.C.C. Dance A Big Success

The Kowloon Cricket Club's winter social season opened auspiciously on Saturday night when nearly 300 attended the inaugural dance.

The hall was attractively decorated under the direction of Mr. T. W. Carr, convener of the entertainment sub-committee, and the arrangements made for the evening were in every way excellent.

Music was enjoyed to music by the dance band of the Royal Scots, and an added attraction which was thoroughly appreciated was the appearance of Doray and Chela, the famous dancers who have just completed a season at the Gloucester Hotel. They performed three numbers and were warmly received.

The next dance is scheduled for November 25.

GERMAN GUNS HURL 20,000 SHELLS AT FRENCH LINES

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argument in fields overlooking the Alsace sector.

More than one Territorial Army anti-aircraft regiment has been sent out and others may come.

They will join up with those of the regular army.

Weather Becoming Worse

PARIS, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—A communique issued on Saturday states: "All quiet generally during the day."

"The weather on the Western Front is getting worse and worse. Snow has fallen in Vosges and the lower areas round the River Saar."

"Reports reaching here suggest that General Keltel is now Hitler's right-hand man in military affairs and is enjoying the fullest confidence."

"General Walther von Brauchitsch, the German Commander-in-Chief, is little more than a figure-head at the moment."

Rain, Snow And Fog

PARIS, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—Rain, snow and fog have brought activity on the Western Front practically to a standstill.

A military expert in France says that the front-line trenches and No Man's Land are being rapidly turned into a bog.

For all that, he says, the French have been sending out small patrols. There has been some small local activity in which hand-to-hand fighting predominated.

The French have taken a number of German prisoners.

Czechs' New Slogan

Free Country In A Free Europe

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 28 (UP).—Speaking at a meeting of Czechoslovakian refugees here to-day in celebration of the 21st anniversary of the declaration of Czechoslovakian independence, M. Jan Masaryk, former Czech Premier, launched the slogan "Free Czechoslovakia in a Free Europe."

He said it would be premature to start painting a definite political map of post-war Europe "but we should start this very minute to think about the future economic configuration of Europe."

"Dividing the European Continent into countless small economic units has been a failure. Whatever may happen, the Central European and Danubian countries should start now looking for a common economic denominator."

Czechoslovakia Celebrates

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—Czechoslovakian Independence Day was celebrated yesterday throughout the country, according to reports reaching London.

The Police in Prague drew a cordon round Venceslas Palace, but this was broken by demonstrators, who afterwards, however, dispersed.

The Police and the Gestapo were active, but many citizens wore the Czech badge, while in the smaller towns and villages the inhabitants wore traditional costumes in honour of the day.

Nazis Sock Demonstrators

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—The Nazis are searching Prague for the organisers of the Czechoslovakian independence demonstrations there yesterday, according to reports reaching here.

A number of arrests are said to have been already made.

Hundreds of hostages were recently seized by the Nazi authorities in view of the possibility of such demonstrations. These presumably will be used to compel the suspects to surrender.

Soviet Regime Formed

MOSCOW, Oct. 27 (UP).—The National Assembly at Lvov has unanimously proclaimed a Soviet regime in western Ukraine.

Two Broadcasts

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—In addition to the speech by Dr. Edouard Benes, former President of Czechoslovakia, the republic's independence day was marked by two broadcasts.

One was by M. Jan Masaryk, son of Czechoslovakia's first President, who broadcast from London, and the other was by M. Ousekly, the former Czech Minister to Paris, who spoke from the French capital.

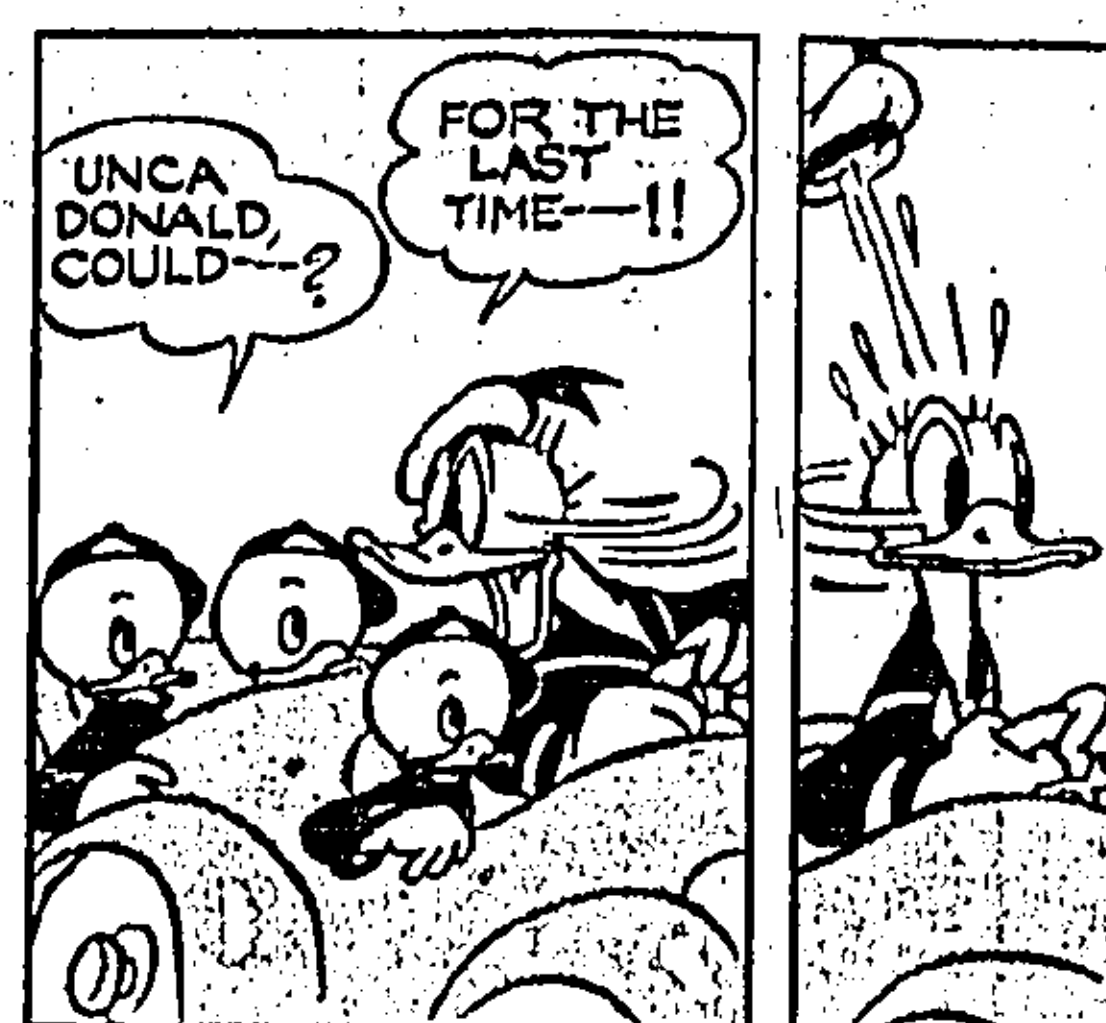
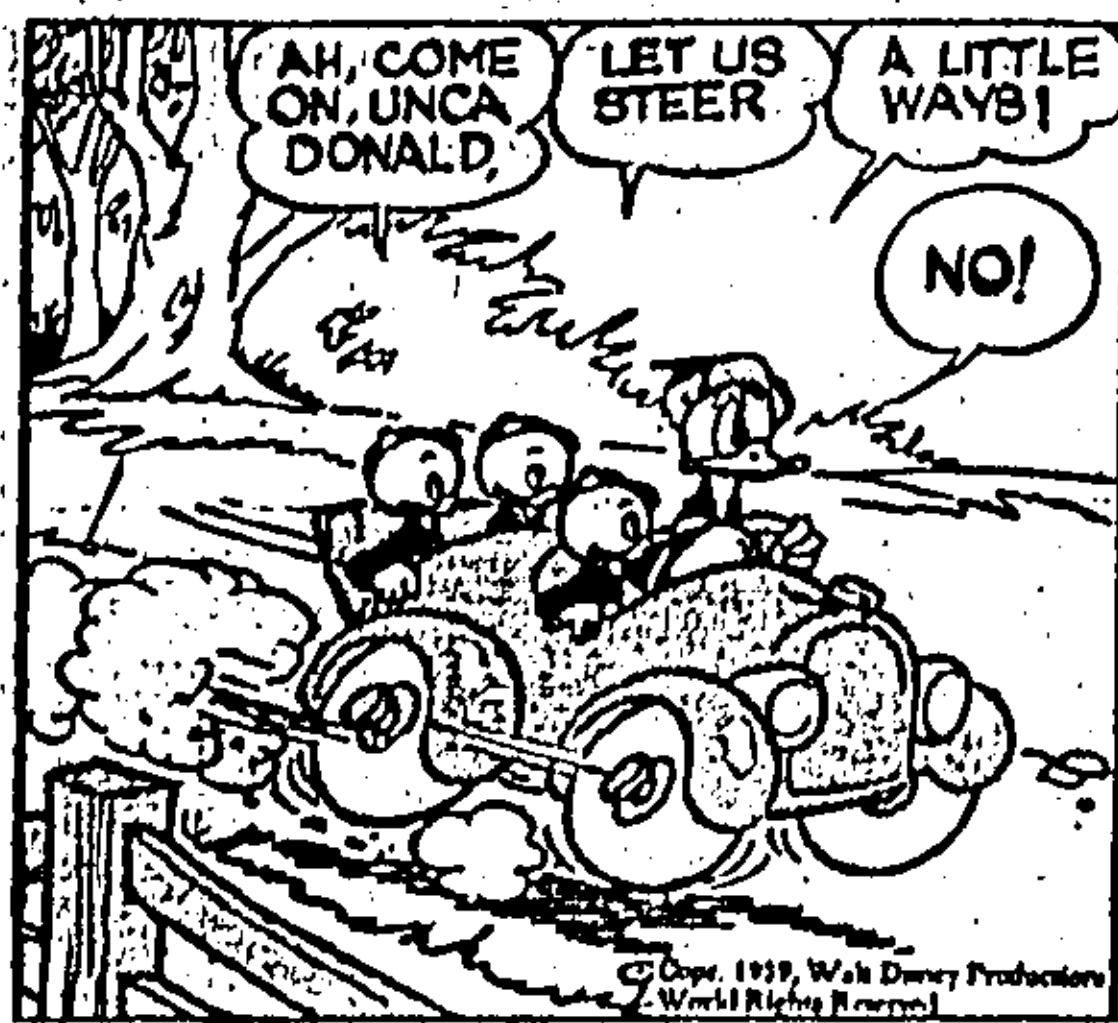
M. Masaryk declared: "We are fighting for freedom in Europe. Only in a free Europe will there be a free Czechoslovakia."

The fate of Hitlerism is sealed and you Czechs will play an important part in carrying out the sentence."

M. Ousekly said: "This tragedy shows that every oppression of a small nation affects the great family of nations."

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GERMANY'S FIRST AIR ATTACK ON BRITAIN, WHICH TOOK PLACE ON OCTOBER 16, WAS DIRECTED AGAINST WARSHIPS IN THE FIRTH OF FORTH. FOUR, AT LEAST, OUT OF THE 12 OR 14 BOMBERS WERE SHOT DOWN. THERE WERE NO R.A.F. LOSSES.

Slight damage was done to two cruisers and a destroyer, with 35 casualties chiefly from splinters. Dive-bombing at Forth bridge failed. Thousands watched the dog-fights in the air. Shrapnel fell in the streets of Edinburgh; no civilian casualties. The official report, is as follows:

"To-day, October 16, between 9 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. several German aircraft reconnoitred Rosyth.

"This afternoon, about half-past two, a series of bombing raids began.

"These were directed at the ships lying in the Forth, and were conducted by about a dozen machines.

"All the batteries opened fire upon the raiders, and the Royal Air Force fighter squadrons ascended to engage them.

"No serious damage was done to any of His Majesty's ships.

"One bomb glanced off the cruiser Southampton, causing slight damage near her bow, and sank the admiral's barge and plinace which were moored empty alongside.

"This was the first hit which German aircraft have made during the war upon a British ship.

Bombs Burst On The Water

"There were three casualties on board the Southampton and seven on board the cruiser Edinburgh from splinters.

"Another bomb fell near the destroyer Mohawk, which was returning to harbour from convoy escort.

"This bomb burst on the water and its splinters caused 25 casualties to the men on the deck of the destroyer.

"Only superficial damage was caused to the vessel, which, like the others, is ready for sea.

"On the other hand four bombers at least out of the 12 or 14 were brought down, three of them by fighters of the R.A.F.

"The first fight between R.A.F. aircraft and the enemy raiders took place off May Island at the entrance to the Firth of Forth at 2.35 p.m., when two enemy aircraft were intercepted.

"They were driven down by our aircraft from 4,000 ft. to within a few feet of the water and chased out to sea.

Two Raiders Down In The Sea

"Another enemy aircraft was engaged ten minutes later over Dalkeith. It fell in flames into the sea.

"Within a quarter of an hour a sharp combat took place off Craighall, and the second raider crashed into the sea.

"A third German aircraft was destroyed in pursuit.

"Two German aviators had been rescued by one of our destroyers, of whom one has since died.

"No civilian casualties have been reported and none occurred in the Royal Air Force."

The communiqué was jointly issued by the Admiralty, the Air Ministry and the Ministry for Home Security.

Early to-day the Cologne wireless station broadcast the following version of the German bombers' attack:

"On Monday afternoon between 2.30 and 3.30 German bombers attacked British warships. Two British cruisers were hit by bombs of heavy calibre in spite of intense fire by anti-aircraft artillery. Two British pursuit planes were shot down and two German planes were missing."

Fishermen Saved Wounded

A thrilling story of the shooting down of the bomber which fell in the sea off Craighall was given by the crew of a fishing boat which rescued three of the crew of four of the German machine.

The fourth member of the crew of the bomber was drowned and the other three were all wounded.

These three were landed at Port Seton, a little fishing village a few

miles along the East Coast from Edinburgh.

The fishing vessel was the Day Spring, which had been fishing near the May Island and was returning to Port Seton with her catch.

Mr. John Dickson, Junior, Invercadd, Port Seton, whose father is the skipper of the vessel, said:

"About three o'clock we were returning home when we saw a large black aeroplane travelling at a high speed.

"It was being pursued by two British fighters and they made rings round it. They dived underneath it and then circled up again. They both started firing into the tail of the German.

"The German plane swept round over and flopped into the sea.

"One wing struck the water first, and the machine floated for a short time. When we came up three of the crew were clinging like grim death to an air-compressed lifebuoy, and each of the men also had a life-belt of similar construction round his chest.

THREW OUT ROPES

"Just before the plane sank another black machine—a German—which was smaller than the other—came down, swept low over it and then made off.

"I saw some of our fighters go after it. We threw ropes to the crew of the sinking plane and when we hauled them aboard we discovered that they were all three wounded.

"They told us that another member of the crew had gone down with the plane.

"They were all young chaps. The man who appeared to be the senior had a bad eye injury.

"Another had been shot in the ribs and we stretched him out on the deck. The third man had been shot in the arm and was broken.

"The three men were very grateful for being rescued, and the leader, who spoke English fairly well took a gold signet ring from his finger and gave it to my father for saving his life.

"This is a ring for saving me," he said.

Mr. John Dickson Senior, skipper of the Day Spring, said they recognised the machine as a German right away because it was big and black.

"It fell into the sea with a terrific splash."

SAW THE BATTLE

"We raced to the spot, and when we got there the machine had almost disappeared. The airman were clinging on to the floats."

Mr. Dickson proudly displayed the gold ring he had received from the German airman.

A policeman with a stretcher met the boat at the little harbour, and all three airmen received treatment at a doctor's surgery before being removed to hospital.

The man with the injured ribs was 24 years old and said that he was to be married in January. Another of the crew was 30 years of age.

An Edinburgh commercial traveller who spoke to the pilot when he landed told a reporter that the German had said to him: "We were much too slow to get away from the first British fighters."

Golfers making their shots on a peaceful golf course at Craighall saw the battle in which these Germans had been shot down.

Mr. J. McNaughton, greenkeeper, described the battle to a News Chronicle representative.

"I was busy working on a green at the farthest point of the course overlooking the beach," he said, "and heard the noise of aeroplanes overhead."

"It was a glorious sunny afternoon and I didn't pay any attention to them until I heard the noise of machine-guns."

They were not very high, and I could see one big black bomber, which apparently was a German, being attacked by two fighting machines.

LIKE DRUNKEN MAN

"The big black plane, which was bigger than any I have seen before,

was dodging about, and I could see sparks of flame coming from the machine-guns.

"Suddenly the bomber turned round and it swung like a drunken man."

"There was a cloud of smoke, and it plunged into the sea about a mile from the shore."

"A few moments later it disappeared altogether from the surface of the water."

"One of the fighters immediately made off in the direction of the Firth of Forth, and the other hovered overhead until the arrival of a destroyer, which began to patrol the water near where the German machine had disappeared as if searching for survivors."

During the whole of the raid trains continued to cross the Forth Bridge.

Presences on the 2.30 p.m. Edinburgh to Dumfries train had an exciting experience when the train was about half-way across.

They saw one of the German planes swoop down towards the bridge.

Mr. David Archibald, of Dumfries, a passenger on the train, said:

"At Dumfries we were informed that an air raid was in progress and it was left to our own discretion whether we would continue the journey across the Forth Bridge."

"Most of us decided to continue, and as the train travelled slowly across the bridge we were able to watch the progress of the raid."

Two planes, one near the south shore and one to the north shore of the Forth, appeared to dive over the bridge and bombs were dropped a short distance to the east of the bridge.

"Great columns of water shot up,"

DOWN TO CELLAR

A North Queensferry woman resident said: "Many people did not seek shelter, but stood and watched the planes being driven off."

"Apparently some of them were not at first aware that this was the real thing."

"On hearing the anti-aircraft gunfire I and other women sought shelter in cellars after assembling all the children we could find."

One eye-witness here declared that one of the German planes swooped as low as the topmost span of the Forth Bridge, but failed to hit it with a bomb.

NO RAID WARNING

An extraordinary feature of the attack is that no air raid warning was sounded in Edinburgh.

Edinburgh A.R.P. headquarters officials described the whole affair as "a mystery."

It was stated by a military official later that a practice had been arranged to test the East Coast defences, and it is believed that it was not at first realised that a real attack was in progress.

The Ministry for Civil Defence was last night unable to say why the warning was not given.

The firing of anti-aircraft guns brought people flocking into the streets.

The weather was beautiful and the shell bursts high up in the sky were clearly visible.

HIS SOUVENIR

One man, Mr. H. Bartlett, had a narrow escape.

He was standing at the door of his shop watching the bursts of shell-fire in the sky when he saw a small object falling a few yards away in the middle of the street.

He went forward and picked it up and discovered it to be a piece of shrapnel, still warm.

Shrapnel fell also in Rosyth, Inverkeithing, Dumfries and South Queensferry.

At South Queensferry, when the German planes appeared, people raced for shelter.

The air-raid warning was given only when bombs began to fall and

BURGOMASTER MAX WIRES LORD MAYOR

BURGOMASTER MAX of Brussels, who defied the Germans throughout the time they occupied his city in the last war, has telegraphed to the Lord Mayor of London:

"When Great Britain, faithful to its promise, courageously faces the trials of war, I express to you, to the members of the Corporation of your City, and to the population of London my feelings of the most enthusiastic comradeship—Adolphe Max."

The Lord Mayor has replied:

"It is with heartfelt gratitude that I reply to your telegram. The citizens of London never forget the great ties uniting our City and yours, and will ever remember your generous sentiments at this time.—Frank Bowater, Lord Mayor."

The British Socialist Party, through their acting leader, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, M.P., recently broadcast to the Czechoslovakian people in their language and by radio in the new language.

"Now is the time to put an end to the brutal violence endangering all Europe. We are calling from London to Prague and Bratislava—we are calling all workers of Czechoslovakia."

"Remember! Keep your hearts strong in the new language of violence. Remain true to the deeds and principles of the great Thomas Masaryk."

"Do not desert the flag, taken over in our free country by President Benes and his collaborators."

"The hour of your liberation is near. Your tragedy has opened the eyes of the world. The cruel injustice now imposed upon you must be righted."

"The British Labour Party declare that Czechs and Slovaks now under the iron heel of Hitler will soon again be free."

Mr. Greenwood also sent messages to the Societies of Poland, France, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada.

Gestapo Men At Home Of Kaiser

Two Gestapo spies were arrested recently by the Dutch secret police in the grounds of the ex-Kaiser Wilhelm's estate at Doorn.

The Dutch police are taking strong action against the Nazi element in Holland, and the Dutch radio is publishing news of the police moves simultaneously.

The radio insists that the German-Dutch frontier is now "hermetically sealed" against foreign penetration.

after 20 minutes the all-clear signal was given.

Almost immediately afterwards anti-aircraft batteries reopened fire.

FOURTH ATTACK

Yesterday, writes the Naval Correspondent, is the fourth abortive attack by enemy aircraft on British warships since the war began.

In view of the fact that the two cruisers appear to have been at anchor, the bombing does not appear to have been very accurate, and was certainly inferior to that of the R.A.F. machines which attacked German warships off Wilhelmshaven and Cuxhaven on September 4.

As on two of the previous occasions, the aircraft suffered several casualties.

The Forth Bridge was completed towards the end of 1890 and opened by King Edward the Seventh, then Prince of Wales, on March 4, 1890.

The bridge is one of the largest in the world—a mile and a half in length and 450 ft. high from the base of the deepest piers to the top of the cantilevers.

ALLIED PRESS ACCLAIMS U.S. EMBARGO REPEAL

(Continued from Page 5).

to send £20,000,000 air fleet.—United Press.

Canada Pleased

Ottawa, Oct. 28. The repeal of the arms embargo is welcomed by Canadians.

Canadians are particularly interested in the purchase of American planes to assist the Empire air training scheme.—Reuter.

No Berlin Comment

Berlin, Oct. 28. There is no comment here on the passing of the American Neutrality Bill.

The bare report was immediately followed by a version of a broadcast speech by Mr. Harry Woodring, in which particular emphasis was laid on the interpretation of United States defence measures as leading America into the war.

The German news agency publishes messages in which Mr. Henry Ford is alleged to have stated that repeal of the arms embargo would result in an industrial crisis after the war.—Reuter.

Berlin Reaction

Berlin, Oct. 27. A source close to Wilhelmstrasse, commenting on the United States Senate's passage of the Neutrality Act, said, "This might cause us to hurry up."—United Press.

Germans Amused

Berlin, Oct. 28. Authorised quarters here, said: "The Senate's vote is only the first Act in the play and one never gives a criticism of a play until after the last Act—in this case, the vote in the House of Representatives."

"It is too early even to tell whether the play will be a comedy or a tragedy," they said.

They said they found the United States press reaction "amusing" but hardly in keeping with the speeches given by President Roosevelt and Secretary of War, Harry Woodring.—United Press.

Allied Success

Amsterdam, Oct. 28. The vote in favour of repeal of the arms embargo is considered here as a great success for the Allied cause.—United Press.

TWO NEW DOCTORS

Dr. Gordon King, of University Path, has been added to the list of qualified medical practitioners. He is a Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians of London 1924, a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England 1924, a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England 1928, and a Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of London 1930.

The name of Dr. (Mrs.) Irma Frommer (nee Edelmann), of Hillwood Road, has also been added to the list. Mrs. Frommer is a Doctor of Medicine and Surgery of the University of Bologna, Italy, 1937.

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6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Terence Casey at the Organ.

6.45 Dance Music and Variety with Michael Moore, Sydney Gustard, Dinah Miller and Others.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Saxophone Solos.

8.20 Studio—Hal Lorenzo (Piano) and Toby Gray (Soprano).

8.25 Blue Skies, My Blue Heaven, Blue Room, Bye-bye Blues, Piano Medley—Poor Butterfly, Sweet Little Headache, Rose-Room. When My Dream Boat Comes In, Cowboy Medley—Empty Saddles, Beans and Saddle, I'm an old cowboy, Ho-quest Medley—Deep Purple, Tea for Two, Smoke gets in your eyes, Star Medley—I saw Stars, Star dust, You're my lucky Star.

8.50 Victor Silvester and His Orchestra.

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—The News.

9.30 A Request Classical Programme—Tales From The Vienna Woods—Waltz (Johann Strauss); Blue Danube (Waltz, Johann Strauss); Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski; Vost La Giubba (I Pagliacci)—Leoncavallo Enrico Caruso (Tenor) with Symphony Orchestra; Spanish Dance (Granados, arr. Casals), Vito (Spanish Dance) Op. 64, No. 5 (Pepi) Pablito Casals (Cello) with Piano accom. by Nicolai Mednikoff; Invitation To The Dance—Rondo Brilliant (Weber, Op. 65), Ignaz Friedmann (Piano); Damnation Of Faust—Rakoczy March (Berlioz, Op. 24), Philadelpia.

chestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski; Elsa's Dream (Logengrin)—Wagner; Elizabeth Reiberg (Soprano) and the Berlin State Opera Orchestra; Traumerel (Schumann, arr. Woodhouse); Sandy Macpherson (Organ); Sonata In C Minor, Op. 45 (Grieg); Fritz Kreisler (Violin); Serenade (Moszkowsky); The Maidens of Cadiz (Delibes), Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra; Bolero (Ravel) The Lamouroux Orchestra of Paris cond. by Maurice Ravel.

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Seeds Of Defeat

THOSE who oppose the expansion of German nationalism and National Socialist racism may be encouraged by the firm start of the Allied plan to end Nazism and the rejection of Hitler's peace moves. But they can find more lasting grounds for encouragement in the pages of "Mein Kampf." For instance: "The lack of a great, new, creative idea means at all times a limitation of the fighting power." Herr Hitler is right. In the long run it is ideas which prevail. And the lack of ideas limits power.

Where is such lack most evident to-day? The author of "Mein Kampf" says the secret of the French Revolution's success was a great, new idea. And history tells of the remarkable military results of that idea when France's neighbours attacked. They even carried over into Napoleon's counter attack. But it was an idea of freedom, not of conquest and oppression of other peoples. And ultimately it did not support Napoleonic ambitions.

If National Socialism had a creative idea, it applied to internal unity and revival. In so far as it gave Germans a new sense of self-respect, assurance and freedom from war penalties it operated powerfully. But how far beyond that can it carry? Can it be turned into an instrument for nationalistic conquest and the domination of other peoples? Its most dynamic concept is one of race, and that is self-limiting. The inclusion of other races (declared inferior and unmixable) contains the seeds of defeat for any such idea.

In a struggle of ideas democracy's concepts are by National Socialism's own tenets on firmer ground. They are supported also by the natural idea of self-defence and defence of liberty, home, and family. But this is much more than an ideological struggle. Other ideas challenged by National Socialism are those which look to a peaceful world order and the co-operation of many races and nations in the building of a higher civilisation. As against them any concept of narrow nationalism must mean "a limitation of fighting power."

Beating the U-Boats

GERMANY is waging intense submarine warfare in an attempt to blockade Britain's coasts. The Athenia was sunk without warning. A number of other merchant ships have been destroyed. That is one side of the picture.

Now look at the other side. The liner Arandora Star, steaming at full speed on a zig-zag course, outwitted nine U-boats in the Atlantic and reached port in safety.

It should be remembered that a vessel can outdistance a submerged submarine by steaming at 10 knots or more. True, a speed of about 20 knots is needed to elude a submarine on the surface, but the U-boats dare not remain long above water.

The Prime Minister has disclosed that the U-boats are constantly attacked and that successes have been achieved. There will be more successes. You may not hear of them. Germany will be hard to find out. The U-boats have been made safe for peaceful shipping. Remember, too, that submarines cannot be replaced as quickly as guns and airplanes.

What may prove to be the death-knell of the U-bent as a major weapon of naval warfare is the rapid development of the airplane since 1918. A submarine has no effective way of attacking an airplane and only one means of defence—its ballast tanks. But even submergence is only a partial defence, for an airplane zooming at 300 miles an hour or more can reach the submarine and bomb it before there is time to dive.

Even after the submarine has dived successfully, an airplane can spot it at a considerable depth in reasonably clear water and can advise nearby destroyers and submarine chasers.

It is a terrifying experience for a U-boat commander and his men when a submarine chaser gets wind of her whereabouts and begins to drop depth charges. The submarine is submerged as deeply as it can with safety and begins to run the gauntlet. The U-boat moves dead slow, with the boom of exploding depth charges all round. The submarine rocks and rolls and quivers with each concussion. A close explosion spins the boat completely around and men are thrown off their feet.

Still more to be dreaded is a submarine net, fortified with mines and guarded by surface vessels. A U-boat which is careless or unlucky enough to become entangled will stand no more chance than a fly in a spider's web. Even if the submarine is not destroyed by mines or depth charges, it may be unable to clear the obstruction before the air supply is exhausted.

Finally, there is the constant natural danger of hidden rocks, which are often unknown to chart makers and are quite harmless so far as ordinary surface shipping is concerned. But the U-boat, gliding slowly, almost noiselessly, along the sea bed at a depth of perhaps 150 feet, may run an unsuspected snag which rises starkly from the ocean floor.

One of the most important methods of combating the submarine menace is the convoy system, the escorting of groups of merchant vessels by a ring of warships, which not only fight off warships, but are at hand to help in rescue work if the defence is penetrated.

The convoy system was not established efficiently until the latter half of the last war, but this time the Admiralty has been prepared from the outset.

Picture the mixed feelings of a U-boat commander as the criss-crossed mirror of his periscope reflects a forest of masts and funnels moving across the horizon. He has a splendid choice of targets, but his danger is increased correspondingly.

To dive beneath the outer ring of warships and bring the periscope to the surface again before aiming at a merchantman is a hazardous business, calling for mathematical accuracy, personal courage and perfect co-operation with the engine room staff. Then, after firing a torpedo, the submarine must dive deeply and creep away under the escort vessels, which by this time will be searching for it and dropping depth charges.

Captain Ernst Hashagen, U-boat ace of the last war, commanded U2. He has described with dramatic simplicity what it means to serve in a U-boat, hunting merchant ships and dodging mines, nets and hostile warships. Here is Captain Hashagen's description of life in a U-boat which is nosing its way cautiously along 60 ft. below the surface:

"It is night-time and U2 is asleep. In the control room, the officer of the watch stands in charge. On one side is the man controlling the depth manometer; on the other side, the helmsman. In the engine room all is quiet. We are travelling dead slow. Nearly all the engine room staff are asleep.

"In my cabin I take up a book before I go to sleep. By a coincidence it is 'Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea.' Captain Nemo's adventures were the wildest fantasy of Jules Verne's imagination. Tonight I am reading them—and living them in stark reality.

"Now I am dropping off to sleep. My book falls from my hands. But although my eyes are closed, I cannot sleep, for to my trained ears come all the weird noises of the heart of the ocean. A big fish swims by with a whishing sound. Then I hear a distant boom like an echo from far off; that is a gun or a depth charge, exploding. Sound travels a long way under the sea.

"At last I sleep."

Sometimes what appears to be a harmless tramp steamer is really a Q ship, an armed vessel disguised as a decoy to lure submarines within range of its guns. Capt. Hashagen was more fortunate than many a U-boat skipper in the following encounter with a Q ship.

"It was still dark when my servant awoke me. I pulled on my leather jacket, climbed the iron ladder to the conning-tower, and gave the order to surface.

"There was nothing in sight, so we had coffee and cigarettes. The first grey light of morning showed that we were alone on the ocean. The sky was clear and all looked quiet.

"At 11.30 a.m. a funnel and two masts were sighted straight over our bows. I watched them approach for a few minutes. Suddenly they disappeared. Five minutes later the funnel and masts came into view again, but after another five minutes they vanished once more. I knew that the ship was zig-zagging across the ocean. Her true direction was towards me, however, so I submerged and moved slowly to meet the stranger. As she came nearer, the periscope showed me a black freighter of about 2,000 tons.

"For some time I kept close to the ship, uncertain whether to attack her. As long as she continued to zig-zag, the chances were against my hitting her with a torpedo. But at 350 yards, the freighter swung right into the centre of my torpedo sights.

"I gave the command 'Los.' The petty officer standing next to me in the conning tower pressed the electric button. U2 quivered as a torpedo left the tube and bored through the water. Ten seconds later my boat gave a heavy lurch as the torpedo hit the vessel astern. There was a deafening roar as her boilers exploded. Then all was quiet again. I raced the submarine a few hundred yards farther away. Then I had another look through the periscope. What I saw amazed me. The defenceless tramp had been completely transformed. She bristled with guns and the decks were cleared for action.

"Very slowly, very cautiously, I brought U2 closer to have a better view of this phenomenon, leaving my periscope in view. Immediately there was a fusillade of shells all round me. But my torpedo had broken the Q ship in two, and 20 minutes later I saw the crew talking to the boats."

The U-boats which Germany has built in recent years are capable of operating anywhere in the Atlantic or Mediterranean, but if the Germans should succeed in establishing refuelling bases the cruising range of the submarines and the length of time port would be increased accordingly.

One method is to have a floating base—an oil tanker which cruises about at a pre-arranged meeting place in some unfrequented part of the ocean. Germany bought a number of old tankers not long ago.

The biggest ocean-going U-boats have a cruising radius up to 12,000 miles.

Whatever the size or range may be, you can be sure of one thing: Britain will sweep them from the seas.

Found Her Child
After 7 Years

A MOTHER and her 15-year-old daughter who had not heard of each other for seven years were reunited at Lambeth juvenile court recently.

The girl, who had been found wandering in the streets of Brixton, was said to be in need of care and protection. It was stated that she had run away from a nursing school.

The girl then heard for the first time this story of her early life, told by her mother:

"When my baby was born I was destitute and was sent to the workhouse.

"LEFT ARM IN ARM
"My daughter was taken away from me. She was sent to one school and then to another. I heard about her from time to time over a number of years and then lost all trace of her. That was seven years ago. I did not see or hear of her until a few days ago."

A welfare worker said the girl had been in various homes all over the country and could hardly remember her mother.

The girl asked the magistrates if she could return to her mother, and the woman pleaded: "I have a husband now and a home, and I want my daughter."

The magistrates adjourned the case, she and mother and daughter left the court arm in arm.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"We gotta wait for Slug—he went to steal a car—"

Siegfried: Can
It Hold Out?

By a Military Expert

How strong is the Siegfried Line? From the first day that the German's begun building their "West Wall," intelligence agents, particularly of the French, have sought the answer. The fact that answers have not been divulged in the press—and that the character and equipment of the German line remains a mystery to the public—does not mean that the Allied command is ignorant of the major outline of the Nazi fortifications.

But at the same time there are many things that cannot be found out without the exploration of preliminary combat. This, to a large degree, explains the "delay" in the offensive on the Western Front.

TERM A MISNOMER

For it must be understood that the term "line" is, in itself, something of a misnomer. The position is not a line of forts, pillboxes, trenches, and the like. It is a zone of varying width and probably reaching back as much as 30 miles from the frontier at some points. It extends from the Swiss border near Basle, running north along the frontier on the east bank of the Rhine River toward Karlsruhe, paralleling the French Maginot Line. At this point, and still not far from the frontier, the line of the Siegfried Line is out of contact with the Maginot Line, and Belgium separating them. Then it swings north once more, paralleling the east Luxembourg and Belgian frontiers, a total distance of some 350 miles.

HASTE IN BUILDING

It is known that the position was laid out and the works in it constructed in relative haste. In all probability the Siegfried Line is not as complete in detail of organization as the Maginot Line, to which the French devoted several years of intensive preliminary study and thorough execution.

If reports are correct of a shortage of cement in Germany, the construction work may not be of sufficient strength to withstand the pounding of heavy artillery and air bombs.

The military value of such a position depends on several factors. Important among them is readiness for defence, shelters, ammunition, and food, telephonic communications, and traps to ward off attacks.

In addition, it should have protective and tactical wire barriers to protect small posts from being rushed at short range or bombed by grenades.

Whether the Siegfried Line has all of these is surmise.

SEVERAL POSITIONS

It is improbable that the land-scape is checker-boarded with concealed guns and troop positions, but there are certain to be not only several positions.

These successive positions, all generally parallel to one another, with avian positions running parallel to parallel, will follow, as far as possible, the features of the terrain.

Moreover, they will be separated from one another, when practicable,

by such distance as will prevent more than one at a time being taken under concentrated fire of attacking artillery. This would necessitate that the attacker bring his own artillery forward after capturing one position before being able to attack the next.

From the Swiss border near Basle to Karlsruhe, the Rhine River is the frontier between France and Germany. Here the Rhine Valley is the bottom of a wide trench made when rocks collapsed in ages past. Walls of the trench are sheer high, heavily wooded plateaus slope away from the crests. These form the Black Forest in Germany facing the Vosges Mountains in France. Here is a frontier ideal for defence.

ALMOST INVINCIBLE

The allies to-day, operating against modern weapons, would have as little chance to success in any attack launched east from this part of the Maginot Line against the commanding crest of this huge bastion across the river as the Germans would have had in 1914 attacking west.

We know that the Germans not only made no serious attempt to attack this part of France in the World War but moreover did not dislodge the French, who had advanced rapidly east in the early days of the war, pushing their lines forward through Alsace to the river. It was not that the Germans had insufficient confidence in the ability of their heavy artillery to crush the French forts around Belfort but they realized that the topography placed all the odds against them and too strongly favoured a protracted and stubborn defence by field fortifications.

Between the north end of the Vosges Mountains near Karlsruhe on the Rhine and the Luxembourg border near the Moselle River lies the region frequently referred to in military language as the "Siegfried Line." At the west end of this line is the Saar Basin, over 700 square miles in area and one of the richest mining and industrial regions in Europe. Awarded by the Versailles Treaty to France to be exploited for 15 years in compensation for French coal mines destroyed by German forces in the war, it was restored to Germany in 1935 after a "plebiscite." Its largest city is Saarbrücken, near which was fought the first battle of the French-German War of 1870, should forecasts be seeking a portent.

RUGGED REGION

This entire region strongly resembles the Ardennes to its west, being very uneven and rugged, densely wooded, with small streams cutting up the upland to the east, rendering cross-country travel arduous. Roads of necessity are forced to the valleys.

The French will probably find that portion of the Siegfried Line between Karlsruhe and Saarbrücken so thoroughly organized at the extremities, named. In other words, the topographically weak parts of this section of the Line may be considered as being the natural openings pierced in it by the Rhine and Moselle River Valleys, which may well prove to be the heaviest fortified sections. It will be noted from re-

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OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Air Raid Over The Orkneys

LONDON, Oct. 28 (Reuter).—An air raid took place over the Orkneys yesterday. A low flying machine was driven off by four fighters. This raid was the first seen near the islands for 10 days. As soon as the plane was sighted, the alarm was sounded and warning signals sent to all parts of the islands. Almost at the same time the fighter aircraft flashed into view, whereupon the other turned to sea with the defence machine in hot pursuit. The German plane was apparently not a bomber and was engaged in a reconnaissance flight.

COUNTRY STILL LIVES

Prague, Oct. 28. To-day was the anniversary of the founding of Czechoslovakia in 1918, despite the Nazi ban on all public demonstrations, the Czechs observed the holiday in various ways. Several clashes with the police occurred in Prague and a number of arrests were made. The majority wore their national colours and youths donned the so-called Masaryk cap, named after the former President of Czechoslovakia. —Reuter Bulletin.

Benes As Leader

London, Oct. 28. "Czechoslovakia lives" declared Dr. Benes when he was enthusiastically cheered at the Independence Day celebrations in London. Dr. Benes was almost overcome with emotion when M. Jan Masaryk, former Czechoslovak Ambassador in London, called him their leader. M. Masaryk declared that the ideal of their countrymen was a free Czechoslovakia in a free Europe, no idea for which they were willing to live, work and die. M. Masaryk asked the Allies to allow them to form their organisation to collect and equip their young soldiers who wanted to fight. —Reuter.

Nazi Precautions

Prague, Oct. 28. Nazi police have barred all "Wenzel" signs to prevent the Czechs from demonstrating and marching there. The Communists took advantage of police clashes to raise the cry "Long live Stalin," but this was drowned by louder cries of "Long Live the Republic." —Reuter Bulletin.

Prisoner Fears For Mustache

PITTSBURGH, Cal. Sentenced to a life-time term of imprisonment, the greatest worry of George Stamos to be transferred to San Quentin prison was that the authorities there would shave off his magnificent handkerchief mustache. Local authorities promised to intervene with the state prison officials in an effort to save it.

Postmistress Doubles on Job

HUMPHULPS, Wash. (U.P.).—When Grayson Price, a Chico, Cal., attorney sent some papers to be served on a defendant, "Postmistress" Humphulps, Wash., did not have a constable. However, Postmistress Mrs. N. F. Loomis served the papers and sent Price a bill of \$2.50 for service.

Allied Press Acclaims U.S. Embargo Repeal

The United States Senate by 63 votes to 30 passed the new Neutrality Act, after rejecting Senator Nye's substitute bill by 67 votes to 22.

The Senate vote has been acclaimed in the allied countries. Germany is without comment, although informed circles attempt to minimise the importance of the measure.

Paris, Oct. 28. The result of the Neutrality Bill proceedings is acclaimed by the French press. Petit Parisien says the decisive turn to events automatically favours France and Britain and will enable them to oppose the military effort of the Reich with increased means. Excelsior says the result marks a swing round in American minds and is a victory for President Roosevelt, backed by the majority of public opinion. The Senate's attitude points the culprit and brings him to judgment. Aube says the decision strengthens the hand of civilisation against that of barbarism. Le Populaire declares the impression produced in Washington by the seizure of the City of Flint and the attitude of the Soviet authorities had repercussions in the Senate.

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ALLIES READY FOR ANY ACT BY THE GERMAN ARMIES

British, French Troops Standing by Night and Day: R.A.F. Prepared

London, Oct. 28.

Reports of the massing of German troops and aeroplanes at various points has led the Allied High Command to proceed with preparations to meet any possible offensive, in spite of the fact that the bad weather would seem to render a large-scale attack impossible.

British and French troops are standing by day and night on the 600-mile front from Switzerland to the North Sea.

Military observers are discussing the signs of increasing activity in the German lines, which they believe may be the prelude to another offensive similar to that of October 10-17. In the past few days, German raiding parties have been doubled, and especially so 12 miles east of the Moselle and east of Sarreguemines. —Reuter.

British Air Force

Paris, Oct. 28. Reuter's Special Correspondent with the R.A.F. France, says: If Germany's aerial might is unleashed the Royal Air Force here is likely to take smashing and probably decisive action in the first week against German military objectives. There may be troop concentrations, naval or air bases or munition factories—much depends on what the Germans invite by their own plan of campaign.

The essential element of whatever plan we adopt is that once the order is given no time shall be lost. It is intended that the enemy shall be so surprised in one direction or another that the initiative cannot be pressed home. Ready for instant action now if necessary, pilots and crews of squadrons in advanced positions in France and others at home would strike the first blow are the cream of the Royal Air Force personnel. Until the order is given, and there is no indication that it is nearer than last week, it is important that neither men nor planes shall be wasted.

Past Inactivity

The inactivity of the past few weeks on the western front is easier to understand when regarded in that light. Reconnaissance over the enemy lines is being carried out continuously, but it has been reduced to a minimum compatible with essential information required. The potential power of retaliation of the German air force is not underestimated, but Britain's first rate aircraft production is just overhauling Germany's present strength of first line reserve aircraft.

Once the war in the air begins, it is expected that the allied air arms will be commanded by a British officer, who will occupy a position similar to that of General Gamelin over the allied forces in the field. Every squadron here is seasoned with a sprinkling of Dominions pilots, two or three to half a dozen in each case. Whether they come from Australia, Canada or South Africa, they all know how to fly hard and well. —Reuter.

German Attack Imminent

Paris, Oct. 28. It is reported here that heavy movements of aircraft are taking place behind the German lines together with intensified patrol activity as if the Germans are preparing to attack. —United Press.

British Reconnaissance

London, Oct. 28. The Royal Air Force has made another successful reconnaissance flight over southern Germany. All

Paris, Oct. 28. "This is the second great victory of the war," proclaimed the French wireless announcing the Neutrality Bill vote. The first was the Anglo-Franco-Turkish Pact. —Reuter.

Reaction in London

London, Oct. 28. Quarters close to the Government are unexcited in their pleasure at the news of the Senate's neutrality vote, but they emphasised that they were unable to comment on what they regarded as strictly internal affairs of the United States. The Daily Express banners: "The United States to sell arms to allies. Big Roosevelt victory means 300 planes may leave next week." The Daily Sketch banners: "United States votes arms for allies. American PLEASE Turn To Page 3."

London, Oct. 28. A talk on the Royal Air Force in France was given from London by the R.A.F. observers yesterday. The observer said there was one wing of the British Army in France which was more modest and obscure than any other. The artillery ranged from huge cannon which could reduce an enemy position or road to a shambles to light anti-tank guns. One of our finest achievements was the bringing of these guns all the way from the coast to their positions on the frontier. In a fortnight in France, the observer said, he had only seen seven or eight British guns on the move. Yesterday he searched for more than an hour before he came across several big guns, which had been hidden in barns and meadows until their positions were ready. —Reuter.

HEAVY CHINESE LOSSES IN SEPTEMBER FIGHTING

TOKYO, Oct. 28 (Domei).—Japanese military forces in China during September engaged a total of 806,830 Chinese troops, of whom 47,808 had been abandoned and 7,104 have been taken prisoner, according to a communique issued by the Army Department of the Imperial Headquarters to-day.

Japanese losses in China during the same month were 1,177 killed, including 462 in North China, 648 in Central China and 70 in South China.

Munitions captured by Japanese forces included five field-guns, 553 Chinese guns, 61 howitzers, 25 trench-mortars, 100 heavy machine-guns, 224 light machine-guns, 6,163 rifles and 810 revolvers.

Economic Blockade

Neutral Countries Make A Clear Distinction

Paris, Oct. 28. Close co-operation and exchange of views between Britain and France on the blockade is emphasised by the French Minister of Blockade. The allies are anxious to facilitate provisioning of neutral populations and maintaining their industrial activity, while at the same time ensuring a guarantee that this shall not profit the enemy, even partially. —Reuter Bulletin.

Clear Distinction

London, Oct. 28. Neutral countries are now making a clear distinction between the legitimate British blockade and the proposed Nazi continental blockade. The Norwegian press says to-day that the continental blockade only means that European countries will be excluded from the vast trade of the world. Any continental blockade other than the British blockade seems uncalled for. It will not serve the interests of peace or economics. A Rumanian paper says that the belligerent countries and a great naval Power like Britain will do all they can to avoid obstructing neutral trade. —Reuter.

Economic Warfare

London, Oct. 28. Economic warfare in the Baltic, North Sea and Atlantic continues successful, claims a communique issued by the German High Command. According to reports received by German naval units, 22 ships of 109,370 tons gross were sunk between October 18 and October 25. Total losses since the outbreak of war are stated to be 115 ships of 475,321 tons. In spite of these successes our own losses were very small, the communique claims. It adds that hitherto "three U-boats are overdue and must be presumed lost." —Reuter.

Holland Warned

Amsterdam, Oct. 28. Germany has warned the Netherlands that neutral sailing in vessels belonging to the Allies expose themselves to the risk of German attacks, because the ships are armed and ready to resist seizure. —Reuter Bulletin.

Russian Note

London, Oct. 28. The British Government has received Russia's contraband note, which is at present being examined by the Foreign Office and Ministry of Economic Warfare. There is no great urgency for a reply, since the Soviet note itself replies to the British Government's communications of September 6 and 11. It is held that the Russian protest will have no effect on any possible trade negotiations between the two countries in the future. —United Press.

Italian Reaction

Rome, Oct. 28. The fact that Italy is not blinded by Germany's claims regarding her submarine campaign was revealed in a remarkable radio address given from Rome by an Italian naval Captain yesterday. The captain emphasised Germany's disadvantages and contrasted the respective methods of the British contraband control and the ruthless German U-boat campaign. He said Germany had 60 submarines. Of these one-third were laid up for repairs, one-third were resting and only 20 were on active service. The Allies had sunk about 20 U-boats. —Reuter.

Belgian Report

Brussels, Oct. 28. Reports from Berlin state that military developments are expected any moment, details of which are known only to Hitler and his chiefs. Well-informed circles believe that the action will be directed against Britain. —Reuter.

Swiss Not Anxious

Berne, Oct. 28. "German concentrations on our northern frontier give no cause for special anxiety," declares an official statement. The statement adds that reports that the Germans have massed 12 divisions in this area do not in any way correspond with the facts. —Reuter.

Neutral Reports

Paris, Oct. 28. Reliable neutral sources report the massing of Nazi soldiers along the North Sea coast near Belgium and Holland. It is reported that 1,500,000 Nazi troops are also concentrated on the western border of the Reich. Although the massing on the Belgian and Dutch frontiers is not explained, German soldiers are learning to speak Dutch. Special classes in several German towns have been opened for this purpose. —Reuter Bulletin.

Tribute to Fliers

Paris, Oct. 28. Activity on the Western Front is now at a standstill after yesterday's report of activity being reduced

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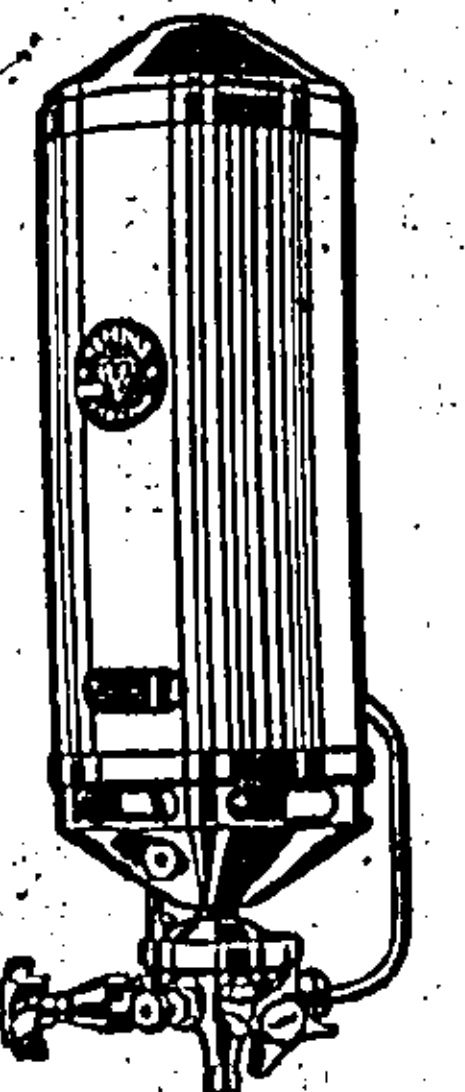
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HAPPENINGS
AS SEEN BY
THE CAMERA'S EYE



The King, in Royal Air Force uniform, and Queen being received at Bermuda Town Hall recently, they made a tour of A.R.P. stations in the district. Right is Sir J. Anderson, Home Security Minister.



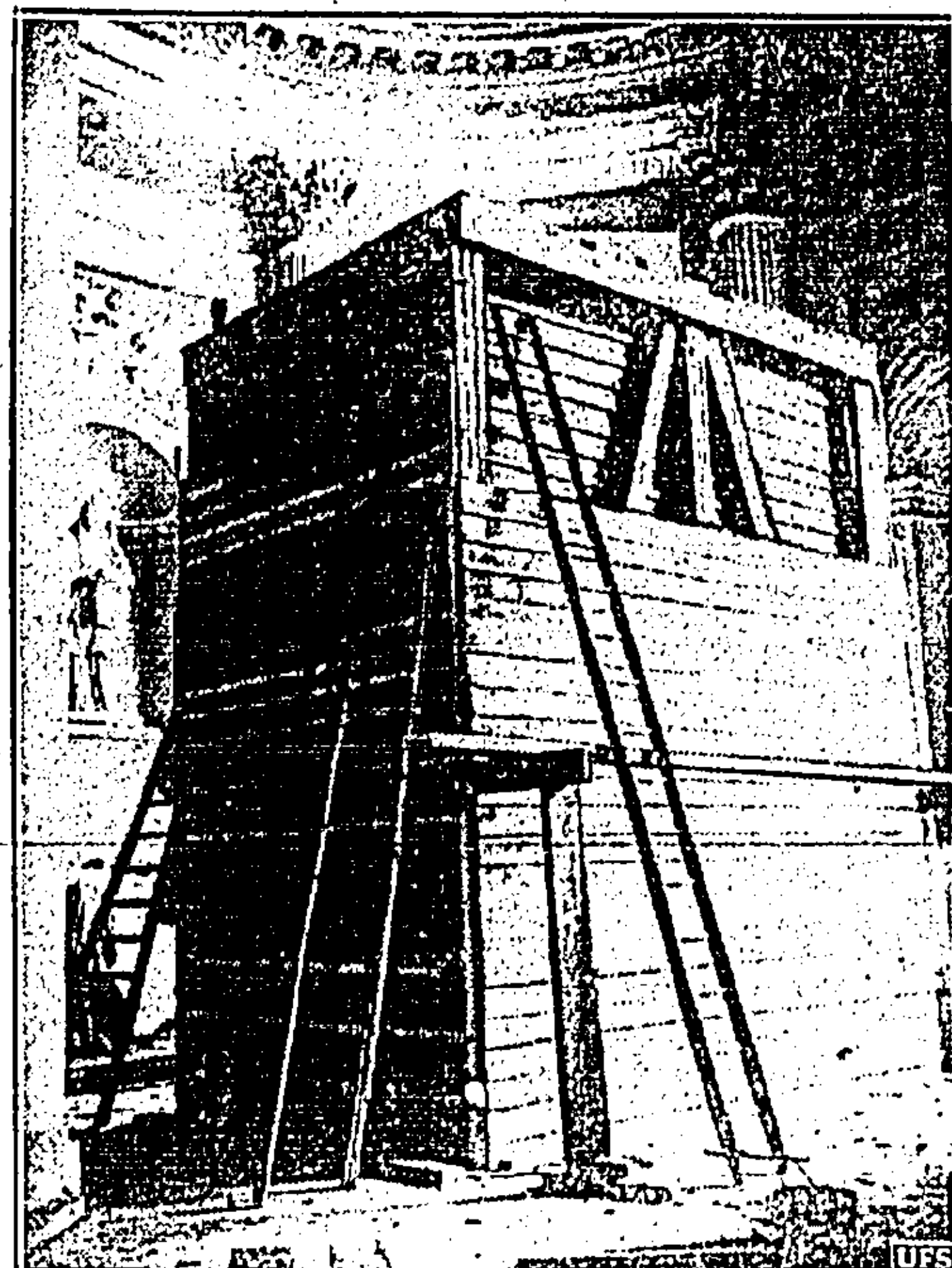
Despite assertion by Nazi Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels in Berlin that Germany has no intention of sending army through The Netherlands, the Dutch do not mean to be caught navares. Here are recruits registering for the army in Amsterdam.



British censor let this picture be sent from London, showing women waiting in line to enlist in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force. Their duties will include motor testing and other ground work, as well as routine in Air Force offices.



After hurried trip by plane to Europe, Annabella, actress-wife of Tyrone Power, returns to New York with her daughter, Ann Murrat. 9. Girl is by previous marriage to Jean Murrat, motion picture director.



As rapidly as possible France is protecting her monuments against possible Nazi air raids. Here is how the tomb of Marshal Ferdinand Foch, near that of Napoleon in Les Invalides, is being boarded up.



One of 30 persons holding German or Czech-Slovak passports ousted from Italian liner Rex, leaving from New York, was Baroness Ruth Oppenheim of Cologne. She's shown with Captain Attilio Frugone of Rex.

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Florists who build their reputation on individual ideas would their groupings to conform to room requirements making the flowers serve their purpose in harmony or emphasis of texture quality or tone.

Elinor Goddard, the young Chelsea florist, believes in the cool beauty of a line-white motif. For special effects she often groups suitably sized off whites, creams, limey greens and palest yellows with delightful results against pale pastel backgrounds of mist blue or green, or even tapestry.

New features in the flowers themselves emerge by contrast with their surroundings and, after all, it is the beauty of the flowers we aim to emphasise.

It is best to leave more lavish arrangements of blossoms and greenery to those with rooms of ample proportions and well-stocked herbaceous borders.

For instance, long-stemmed flowers, look splendid in lofty well-proportioned surroundings, while we use our lowest bowls or troughs to display shorter-stemmed specimens at a comfortable eye level that distracts neither from the height nor size of the room.

In a new block of flats in Hampstead, the flowers were specially arranged by a consultant florist to illustrate this simpler town technique. On entering the trim hallway, a beautifully massed arrangement of pale rose rhododendrons in a tall, dull white pottery jug flashed a colourful greeting from a cupboard corner against the creamy whiteness of the wall. A simple but well chosen touch, now to be replaced by gladiolus or chrysanthemums, and later on perhaps by brilliant autumn berries and foliage with equally pleasing effect.

In the small dining-room the florist had cleverly grouped some light mixed blossoms with elongated sprays of delicate-toned aquilegia to lengthen and taper to the graining and lines of the table. This low-set arrangement gave the helpful illusion of extra length and lent character to the most important feature of the room. With creams and greens the prevailing tones, the soft pastels of the flowers were especially successful.

For the sitting-room, where bolder effects are more desirable, a fan-shaped arrangement is often pleasing, especially if it is placed before a well-lit mirror. Nowadays this is easy to achieve with the economical new fluted vases. Quite a show re-



Gray is a colour favourite for daytime in this dress. The bodice has unpressed pleats at the poplin front, and bloused back. The belt is chartreuse suede.

Little worth while attentions keep flowers fresh longer; such as bias cutting the stems, soaking them for some hours before they are arranged, and refilling the vases within a few hours of placing them. Cutting stimulates the stalks to absorb more moisture.

Some flowers drink a lot of water, and soon wilt if they are not quickly replenished—preferably with water at room temperature.

Some blooms flourish in dark, secluded water, so pottery or obsidian glass is best for holding them. Others, like roses, sweet peas, or carnations, look effective in bowls of cut crystal that trap the sunlight for their stems.

With the arrival of an unexpected gift of flowers, you may run short of vases. See what some of your household glass will do. Even a bath salts jar—is remarkably accommodating. Use the deep container for longer stemmed field flowers—scabious, marguerites, or garden anemones—and the rest. The inverted lid makes an excellent posy bowl for blossom heads or the shorter stemmed specimens that group easily.

When purchasing flowers, it is wise to get the best you can afford. First freshness rewards us with a longer spell of beauty, and the lasting blooms repay us for any little attention we may give them.

Useful Home Hints

The use of stainless steel knives being cut. Look for a smooth skin in the preparation of fruit dishes prevents unpleasant flavour.

White silk or cotton goods which have turned yellow may be restored with a bleach composed of one part peroxide to about fifteen parts warm water to which a drop or two of ammonia has been added.

Do not buy more eggplant than can be used at one time, as this vegetable does not keep well after sprinkled.

Ways With Apples

HERE are some special recipes that will enable you to make good use of cooking apples.

Honey Apples
Wash, core, and pare six large baking apples. Place in baking dish and fill centres with a mixture composed of one-third of a cup of honey and one-third of a cup of orange juice. Place a clove and a teaspoon of ground nuts in each apple. Rub with butter and sprinkle with sugar. Cover and bake in a hot oven (400 degrees) for 45 minutes. Remove cover and bake 15 minutes longer.

Apple Pie
Mix and sift two cups of flour with four teaspoons of baking powder and 1/2 teaspoon of salt. Cut in 1/4 cup of shortening. Add 3/4 cup of milk, mixing quickly to make a soft dough. Knead slightly and roll to 1/4 inch thick. Spread with soft butter. Pare, core, and chop three medium-sized cooking apples. Mix in 1/4 cup of sugar, 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon, and a dash of nutmeg. Spread the apple mixture on the dough, roll up, and cut into slices one inch thick. Place in greased baking dish and bake in hot oven (450 degrees) for 20 minutes. Serve hot as breakfast buns or with whipped cream as a dessert.

Pare, core, and slice six medium-sized cooking apples. Mix a cup of sour cream with 1/2 cup of brown sugar—lightly packed, 1/2 cup of white sugar, and one teaspoon of cinnamon. Pour over apples. Mix two tablespoons of flour with one tablespoon of tapioca, and sprinkle over the crust with which a pie dish has been lined.

Arrange the apple mixture on top and add any remaining cream mixture. Bake in hot oven (450 degrees) for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to moderate (350 degrees) and bake for one hour.



Bengaline coat with yoke and smocked waistline, navy blue worn with white daisy turban.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Oct. 30, 1889.
We remind our readers who might be interested in the sale of the French Concession, Shanghai, that the auction will take place in the French Consulate, Canton, on Wednesday and that all intending bidders are to send to the French Consul, before the day of the auction, the request as provided for in Article 1 of the Condition of Sale.

25 YEARS AGO

Oct. 25, 1914.
All alien enemies in Hongkong and other British possessions in China are being expelled, except those of military age, who are being detained.

German troops have invaded Angola (Portuguese West Africa).

One learns many things in war-time. One's geographical knowledge becomes wonderfully enlarged. A certain sympathy, however, must be felt for the genial inquirer who had spent some time looking along the French frontier for this battlefield of Armageddon, which was so much talked of.

At the Hongkong Cricket Club pavilion last evening the annual general meeting of the Hongkong Cricket Club was held. Mr. F. Maitland, President, was in the chair.

The committee for the coming year was elected as follows:—Messrs. Maitland (President), R. Hancock, T. J. Pearce, Major Robertson, A. H. Linton, H. King, Hon. Claud Severn, Capt. Matthews, R. P. Thurfield and A. C. Hynde.

10 YEARS AGO

Oct. 30, 1929.
Mr. Yeung Wak-kei, a son of Mr. Yeung Hui-ling, has been appointed Traffic Manager of the Canton-Kowloon Railway. Great progress has been made recently and the rail service is working on an efficient and profitable basis. The Express train running twice daily each way between Hongkong and Canton has been of great service both for passengers and freight, and it is intended as soon as possible to augment this service by a further night train in each direction. A great many sleepers have been replaced along the line and the service has been speeded up considerably. The journey taking just under four hours at present, the service quickened up to cover the 112 miles from Canton to Kowloon in 3 1/2 hours.

It is hoped that the turning point in the tremendous plunge on the New York Stock Exchange, which have rocked the institution to its foundations, has been reached to-day after a long and critical struggle between the bulls and the bears.

Wall Street has never before witnessed such an opening as it experienced to-day. In the first half hour the business exceeded any previous full hour's trading in the history of the Exchange.

A huge volume of business was transacted immediately the Stock Market opened, and another shocking slump was feared. Many of the leading active stocks were quickly brought down as much as ten points.

Sales registered a new record, over sixteen million shares changing hands during the day as against last week's record sale of 14,000,000.

5 YEARS AGO

Oct. 30, 1934.
Germany will pay her debts unless she is allowed to renege her exports. This was Dr. Schacht's warning to Germany's foreign creditors to-day.

RUMOURS RIDICULED

Chinese Denial Of Alleged Peace Overture

Chungking, Oct. 26.
Mr. Chu Shih-ming, Director of the Intelligence and Publicity Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said that Japan resorted to deceitful propaganda after she had encountered unprecedented difficulties in the military, political and economical fields. The many rumours emanating from Japanese sources were apparently calculated to cover up her own dilemma, to ease internal complaints against protracted warfare and to undermine China's strong will of resistance.

Rumours that Chungking has started informal negotiations for peace with the Japanese Government were characterised by Mr. Chu as "absolutely fantastic."

Mr. Chu ridiculed rumours regarding the movements of several Chinese high officials who are either directing operations at the front or are still in Chungking.

Japanese reports that the Chinese Government has proposed to the United States through Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, the U.S. Ambassador to China, to mediate for peace were officially denied by the American Government.

Tumults of Soviet demands and of British advice for peace with Japan were already categorically denied by Dr. Chu Chia-hua, Secretary-General of the Central Kuomintang Headquarters.—Central News.

Leaders in Chungking

Chungking, Oct. 27.
General Ho Yao-tsu, who Dornet said, arrived in Moscow to sign an alliance with Russia, is still here.

Mr. Shao Li-ching, who Dornet said, went to Yenan (Shensi) to see General Mao Tse-tung to smooth up the friction between the Kuomintang and the Communists, has not left Chungking in the past six months, making public appearances during the past few days.

The Communist liaison officer, Mr. Chow En-lai, is still recuperating at Yenan instead of in Moscow. General Chu Teh is busy with his guerillas in Shansi.—United Press.

Wang in Shanghai

Shanghai, Oct. 27.
Part of the French Concession was converted into an armed camp as Wang Ching-wel moved from his Yuyuan Road fortress to his French-town residence in order to give a party to Ta Tao officials and Japanese leaders.

The French Police cordoned off three blocks, surrounding the house with over 500 heavily armed detectives and Police, and also brought up four armoured cars and numerous motor cycles. The Police searched all passers-by.—United Press.

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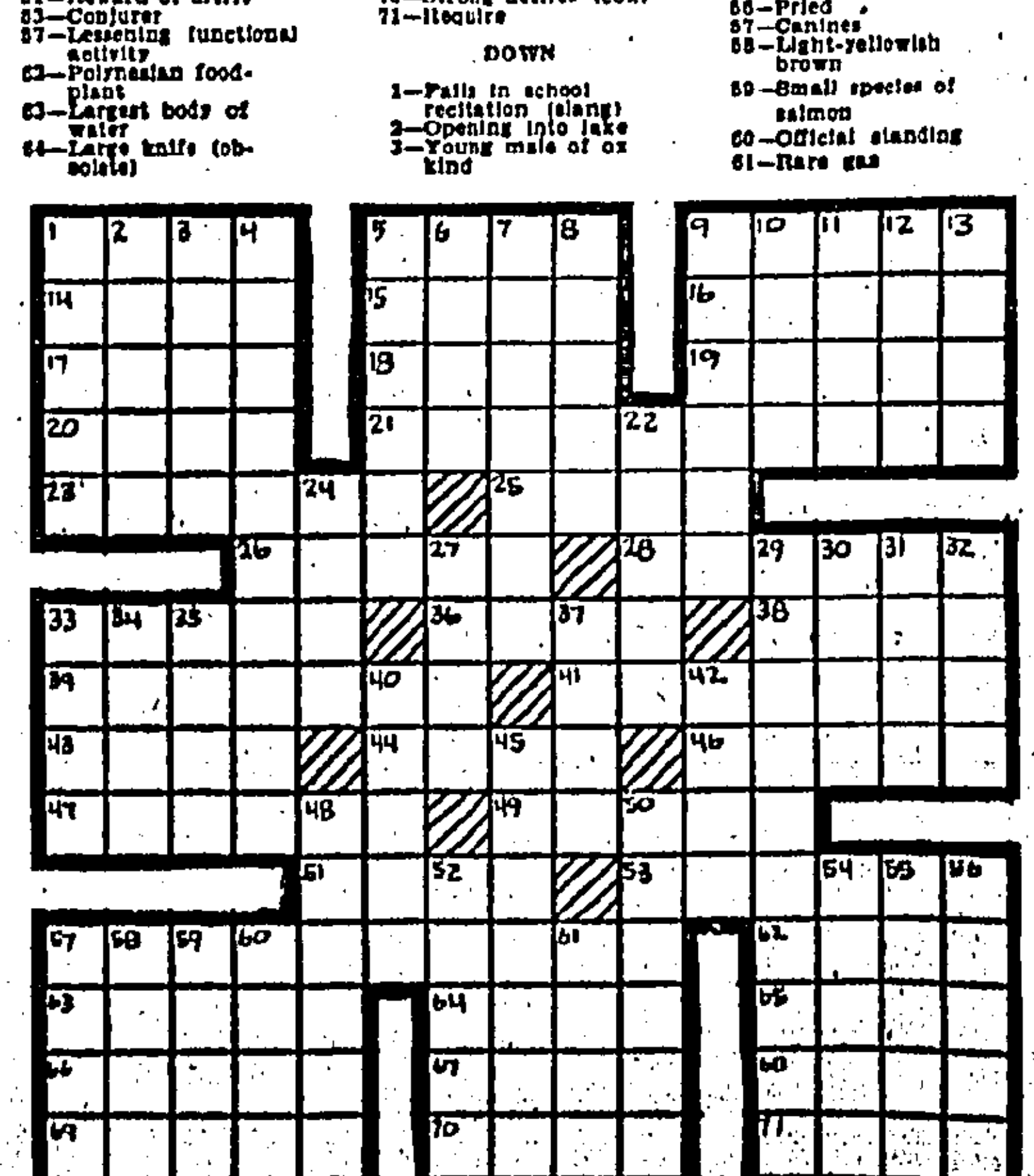
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ACROSS

- 1—Pial circular plate
- 2—Put aside for future use
- 3—Works upon with lever
- 4—Combining forms: within
- 5—Hoddy strength
- 6—Name of clasp
- 7—Paraded banner
- 8—Belong occurring
- 9—Wood-boring tool
- 10—Circumlocution
- 11—Nocturnal agent
- 12—Jill
- 13—Cable date
- 14—Thanks
- 15—Room over gate in
- 16—Malaya restorationary leader
- 17—Frisette skin
- 18—Tired bird
- 19—Prefix of the air
- 20—West Indian food-plant
- 21—Rough fish
- 22—Looked amorously
- 23—Difference of lunar and solar years
- 24—Reward of merit
- 25—Confidant
- 26—Leavening functional
- 27—Polytraxian food-plant
- 28—Largest body of water
- 29—Large knife (tool)

DOWN

- 1—Pail in school recitation (slang)
- 2—Opening into lake
- 3—Young male of ox
- 4—Calculating machine
- 5—Breadth of pianino in the
- 6—Scented king of Israel
- 7—Water pitcher
- 8—Cross well of
- 9—Put to flight
- 10—Hollow structure
- 11—Penus of shrubs
- 12—Arresting by class
- 13—Huffed strip in women's dress
- 14—Quote
- 15—Chance
- 16—Blindness
- 17—Pia
- 18—Units of work
- 19—Lemon
- 20—On sheltered side
- 21—Concomitant
- 22—Cooked
- 23—Stick in skin from cold
- 24—Curved support
- 25—Dance again
- 26—Dances corrections in
- 27—Kind of flower (pl.)
- 28—Common dress
- 29—City's name
- 30—Pride
- 31—Panic
- 32—Yellowish brown
- 33—Bismarck species of salmon
- 34—Official standing
- 35—Rare gas



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He Hated Coffee, So Prison Plot Failed

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THE fact that a prison guard did not like coffee foiled a daring attempt by convicts to escape from the penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois. The story was told recently by Mr. J. E. Regan, warden of the prison, where 48 prisoners are in solitary confinement, charged with publicity in the plot.

Mr. Regan said that a number of "trusties" (privileged prisoners) delivered to each of the 12 watch-tower guards their usual locked lunch cans containing food and coffee—but the coffee had been drugged. Eleven guards drank the liquid, and fell unconscious at their posts. A few minutes later three convicted murderers dashed to the 30ft. prison wall and tried to scale it with an improvised ladder. But the 12th "trusty," saw the fugitives and telephoned to the other watch-towers. When he received no answer he sounded the general alarm, and the three prisoners were captured by other armed guards.

GERMAN KIDDIES FED ON HITLERISM

IT is difficult to gather a true picture of life in Germany today, but here is a careful survey compiled by an expert observer over the three months preceding the war.

"Germany has now become powerful enough to throw dirt at the greatest Power in the world."

This was the comment of a young Nazi Party leader with whom I discussed the European problem.

It was the undoubted effect of the campaign against British imperialism—a campaign conducted in all countries, and the most popular of the Nazi Propaganda Department has staged for a long time.

It explains, too, much that is regarded as inexplicable in the life of German youth. The average German felt that Moscow, like Berlin, seemed to be able to snuff the British lion.

He might not favour the idea of relations with Russia, but he was ready to agree that with the Western Powers would not be nearly so unpopular as fighting against Russia.

Yet the fact remains that fear of war overshadowed every other problem.

During my tour of Germany I met only two people who were in favour of war says a Homeless reporter. Both, significantly, were well over military age.

One, a doctor, explained that conditions were very favourable for Germany. America, he argued, was turning anti-Semitic. She would make war on England because England was governed by the Jews. "Then we shall use the opportunity to settle our accounts," he added gleefully.

BUT among the middle-aged and younger men there was no enthusiasm. Hitler, they said, had gained all he set out for without war. Why, therefore, should it be necessary to fight England now?

In striking contrast was the military ardour and avid curiosity of the younger generation. While they are at school the children seem to be fairly keen. Nazis invariably think thoughts turn to the war machine. Anything to do with mechanics—guns, aeroplanes, tanks—arouse their interest.

The older children idolise Hitler. One 10-year-old girl complained that if war broke out she would be unable to join up.

"Just think of it," she cried. "The Führer will be in the front line, and I shall not be there to protect him with my own body."

The exploits of German troops did not seem to arouse enthusiasm among the German people.

They had been told how Hitler had tricked the London Non-Intervention Committee, and they gloated over the way in which Britain and France had been "done in."

But when the Condor Legion—picked Nazi troops sent out to fight for Franco—returned home, their welcome was more polite than enthusiastic. What interest they had in that war had evaporated.

AMONG close personal friends one heard many criticisms of Hitler and the Nazi regime. A journalist closely associated with public affairs said that the Nazis would never introduce a milder system of government or one which was prepared to give more personal liberty to the individual.

If the present tension eased, he said, the whole Nazi structure would collapse. It would collapse anyhow unless the Nazis managed to score another victory over Germany's "enemies."

Madame Tabouis, Noted French Writer, Says—

HITLER WAS DOOMED BY VON RIBBENTROP

ALL FRANCE NOW FEELS THAT HITLER IS AT BAY. THIS FEELING HAS BEEN GROWING EVER SINCE THE FAILURE OF RIBBENTROP'S SECOND VISIT TO MOSCOW.

It is realised that Hitler will be beaten because he has virtually no military reserves to set against those of the Allies.

And even had Ribbentrop been able to obtain for his master a military alliance with Russia, Hitler would still have faced eventual defeat. But he could then at least have attempted—with some chance of temporary success—a large-scale offensive in the West.

Ribbentrop's failure is chiefly responsible for the optimism that is spreading like wildfire throughout France, from the humblest farmhouse, the usually sceptical bourgeois circles, to the always anxious financiers, and, amazingly enough, to Parliamentarians.

Before Ribbentrop's last visit to Moscow, French political observers were almost certain that the Soviet would not give the Reich military support against the democracies. This they gathered from repeated visits which the Russian Ambassador made to the Quai d'Orsay.

But proof of the Soviet's attitude was not obtained till the Russo-German conversation in the Kremlin on the night of September 27. Extraordinary precautions were taken that night to guard the ancient citadel of the Czars.

5-HOUR MONOLOGUE
Captain Pletoukoff, of the OGPU, was in charge of arrangements. Searchlights swept the sky incessantly.

Ribbentrop, accompanied by Count von Schulenburg, German Ambassador, arrived at 10 o'clock to begin the heavy task with which he had been charged. The "conversation" consisted mainly of a monologue by Ribbentrop lasting nearly five hours, in the course of which he coldly and severely criticised the Soviet Government for its engagements of agreements reached during his first visit.

Ribbentrop pointed out that Stalin had promised the Führer he would use only 25 Red divisions for the occupation of Poland, but the German forces numbered at least 104, as well as by 18 of the best armoured divisions in all Russia.

He pointed out also that the Soviet occupied much more territory than had been agreed upon, and without previous notice. Then he handed Stalin and Molotov a voluminous bundle of memoranda and decrees which the Führer wished them to sign.

RIBBENTROP'S ARGUMENTS

The documents included agreements renewing those previously concluded, and new agreements for future industrial collaboration between the two countries, also numerous texts, all tending tacitly to make the Soviet consider herself more or less automatically bound to the Reich against the democracies in case these refused the peace offer. Ribbentrop pointed out that one of the war aims of the democracies—the reconstruction of Poland—was just as much a menace to Russia as to the Reich, and therefore to the Wilhelmstrasse in crushing the democracies and ending the war as soon as possible.

PROPOSALS REJECTED

Stalin and Molotov presented the Russian case the next day. They refused, first, to entertain Hitler's plan to have peace negotiations started by the Russian ambassadors in Paris and London.

They rejected all Germany's proposals for a joint German-Russian declaration, including strong threats of a Soviet-Nazi alliance should the democracies reject the peace offer. Molotov spoke to Ribbentrop like



Fritz Thyssen, head of huge Ruhr steel combine, who fled from Germany to Switzerland. Wealthiest man in Germany, he formerly was one of Hitler's leading supporters.

a superior to a subordinate. He did not give him the slightest satisfaction even in the smallest detail.

For example, he refused to draw up a Russo-German protocol for the authorisation by Russia to Germany to occupy militarily for some time the area around Warsaw which is eventually to be a so-called independent territory.

REFUSED TO SIGN

He declared that documents were superfluous, and that in any case Russia would hand over to the Germans in that region of Europe "all the territory which the Soviet would not need or any longer needed for carrying out its international policy."

Stalin and Molotov refused to sign any definite convention with the Reich. Foreign Minister, Nor was Ribbentrop able to obtain a definite reply regarding the military alliance, and he was obliged to ask the German Ambassador to send a written question regarding this to the Soviet Foreign Commissar.

HEAVIEST BLOW

That was the heaviest blow Ribbentrop had ever received in his diplomatic career.

In view of the present isolation of the Reich, this written reply from the Russian Government to the German Ambassador must have sounded like a death knell to the Wilhelmstrasse. On his return to Berlin Ribbentrop had a violent dispute with the Führer, who held him responsible for the failure of his mission. Some people now hold that Ribbentrop's "twilight" has already begun.

In any case Hitler is now isolated, and he can have no doubt about the real intentions of Stalin.

All the measures taken by the Kremlin regarding the Baltic countries show that the Soviet has acquired the necessary means of defence on land and sea and in the air to prevent any German interference in that region.

Memel harbour even is now within range of Russian guns. Moreover, the Soviet has cut Germany out of the Black Sea, Rumania, and the Balkans.

That is why the Führer, who is in a state of great nervousness and great anxiety, signed a military decree which is to come into force on December 15.

This concerns the military occupation of Poland, which is to be ensured by an extraordinarily large German force comprising two armoured divisions, nine regular infantry divisions, eight divisions now being trained, 20,000 S.S., 25,000 S.A., two divisions for Danzig and the Corridor, and 75,000 men of the Landsturm.

SPEAKER AT ROTARY

Mr. Ellery Denison will be the speaker at to-morrow's meeting of the Rotary Club. His subject is "Chinese Air Post."

War Does Not Stop Book Reading

Books of all kinds, whether for recreation or information, continue in great demand in spite of war, according to Mr. W. C. Berwick Sayers, Chief Librarian of Croydon.

In the last war, Mr. Sayers points out in his annual report, the demand for books increased the longer the conflict lasted.

The reference library is more sensitive to current events. During the September crisis last year serious study at the Croydon Library practically ceased, but the mood passed quickly and was followed by a greatly increased interest in technical and other informative books.

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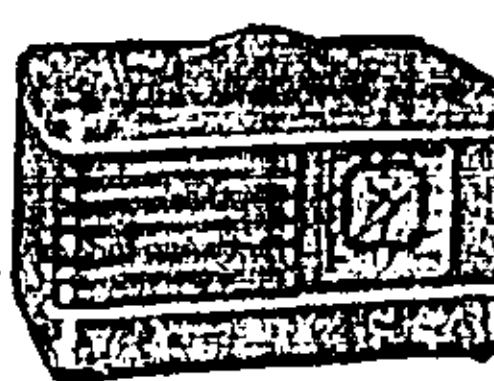
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SMALL-POX VACCINE

Successful Research By Japanese Doctor

Tokyo, Oct. 28. Engaged in research work at the Kitazato Infectious Diseases Research Institute, Dr. Kishiro Sukegawa has discovered a method of producing a small-pox vaccine which is claimed to be superior to that being used to-day.

Dr. Sukegawa's discovery is believed to be the greatest advance in the field of medical research since the great discovery in 1796 of the medical use of vaccine by Edward Jenner, the English doctor.

The new vaccine can be made available by heating either hen or quail eggs from about eight to ten days in a container having a temperature of 30 degrees centigrade and then injecting toxin into the membranes of the eggs.

The newly-discovered vaccine is reported to have the great advantage over vaccine obtained from the serum of patients with small-pox in that it can be used for hypodermic injection, whereas the vaccine cannot be so used lest bacteria other than cowpox is accidentally introduced by the injection.

Dr. Sukegawa has devoted many years of patient study and investigation in this particular field of research. As far back as 1927, before the present stage of perfection was attained, Dr. Sukegawa proved the effectiveness of his discovery by experimenting on his son, then 10 years of age, as well as on over 3,000 other persons.—Domel.

Liner Uses Her Guns

Passengers On Board Watch Firing

A description of a practice shoot at sea by the six inch gun and three inch anti-aircraft gun on the stern of a British liner, during the voyage from Manila was given by passengers when they arrived here yesterday.

"In order not to alarm passengers, who might think an actual attack by submarine was taking place, we were notified the night before the practice that shooting would take place," passengers said.

A target consisting of two large tea chests was dropped overboard and two shots were fired at it at about 8 a.m.

"The first shot from the six inch gun fell at a range of about 3,000 yards sent up a spout of water nearly 50 feet high close to the target. The second shot fell wider of the target, but as we understood the shooting could not be judged even through glasses by onlookers," the passengers said.

The six inch gun shook the whole ship and could be heard and felt even in the engine room.

"The anti-aircraft gun was fired at an angle of about 45 degrees into the sky, apparently at a cloud. A white puff appeared about two miles up as the shell exploded. The second shot aimed at the puff of smoke still floating high in the sky from the first was a good one as another puff appeared very close to the first. We saw the puff of smoke from the exploded shell even before we heard the report of gun. This impressed upon us the speed at which the shells travel," passengers said.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued 12.30 p.m. Saturday, says:

The enquiries noted in yesterday's report continued well in evidence during the morning. For a Saturday, the turnover might be regarded as moderately large.

Buyers
H.K. Bank \$1,305
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Talks To Resume?

British Relations With Japan

Tokyo, Oct. 28. The British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, called on Mr. Masayuki Tani, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, at the Foreign Office yesterday afternoon.

It is understood that during the 40-minute interview the British Ambassador informed the Japanese official of the British Government's readiness to resume Anglo-Japanese negotiations for a settlement of the Tientsin issue.

Domel learns from authoritative sources that an agreement was reached to open negotiations both in London and Tokyo if necessary arrangements can be made.—Domel.

Significant Interview

Tokyo, Oct. 28. Japanese newspaper attach great significance to the interview between Sir Robert Craigie, and Mr. Tani, which they regard as the beginning of preliminary negotiations for a settlement of various pending questions between Japan and Britain.

The Nichi Nichi Shimbun understands that Admiral Nomura will negotiate with Britain and the United States separately even if the latter have common interests in China, for instance, in connection with the navigation of the Yangtze River.

The Hoshi Shimbun says that the Foreign Minister held conferences not only with the Premier, but also with the War Minister, the Navy Minister and the Finance Minister. The paper understands that the Foreign Minister in view of his recent consultations with important Cabinet Ministers, made meeting proposals before the Cabinet meeting on Friday regarding the proposed adjustment of relations with Britain and the United States.

Recalling the Foreign Minister's recent interview in which he confirmed Japan's determination to construct a new order in East Asia, despite possible opposition or interference by third Powers, the paper understands that the Government will regard any demands by third Powers tending to hamper the projected new order in East Asia.

Japan, however, has no intention of trampling the rights and interests of third Powers in China nor has she any desire to suppress the legitimate activities of third-Power nationals in China. The Government, American requests for an Open Door and Equal Opportunity which are not calculated to obstruct the new order in East Asia.

In this connection the Government is even prepared to open the Yangtze and the Pearl River to general shipping to the extent which will not require necessary military operations.

With regard to the 1911 Treaty of Commerce and Navigation which expires on January 20 the Government is ready to enter into negotiations with America for its revision or for a new arrangement if the latter is prepared.

The paper understands that in his forthcoming interview with Mr. J. C. Grew, the Foreign Minister will stress the Washington of Japan's readiness to adjust relations with the United States.

Should America, after the lapse of the 1911 Treaty of Commerce and Navigation, impose a new embargo and restrictive tariffs on Japan the Japanese Government will be obliged to take counter-measures.—Domel.

Ambassador Confident

Kobe, Oct. 28. Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, arrived here to-day from Tokyo. He was received by many prominent persons including Mr. A. R. Owens, the British Consul-General.

He told reporters that his present visit to Western Japan had no special significance. He did not think that the Anglo-Japanese parleys had completely broken down.

Sir Robert said that it would not be difficult to remove misunderstandings existing between Japan and Britain, while he believed that the Anglo-Japanese parleys would eventually be brought to a successful conclusion.

Ambassador Craigie is returning to Tokyo on Tuesday.—Domel.

LONDON NOT INFORMED

London, Oct. 28. Hitherto no report from Sir Robert Craigie has been received in London regarding the conversations with Mr. Tani.

The British Government is quite prepared to resume the conversation regarding Tientsin at any convenient moment. No fresh instructions on the issue have been sent to Sir Robert and if there have been conversations they were arranged in Tokyo.

As far as is known, such conversations would have been confined to the Tientsin issue. Hitherto the talks have always taken place in Tokyo and while there may be diplomatic contacts on this subject in London there is no knowledge of any parallel conversations having been arranged.—Reuter.

More Carolinians Flying

COLUMBIA, S. C. (UP).—South Carolinians are becoming more and more air-minded, according to Dexter C. Martin, director of the state aeronautics commission. Martin based his opinion on a survey that showed the commission has licensed 241 pupils this year, compared with 219 in 1938—an increase of 24 per cent.

JUNKS PIRATED

Wireless From Waglan Saves Drifting Boat

A message from Waglan Light-house to the Water Police Station was responsible for the rescue of Kwok Cheung, master of an unlicensed cargo boat, after he had been pirated by Japanese sailors off Waglan, yesterday.

Kwok was drifting in his boat with all his crew smashed when picked up by the No. 1 Police Launch and towed back to Hongkong. He said his cargo, consisting of garlic and eggs valued at \$1,330, was taken from him when he was called alongside a Japanese destroyer about four miles off Waglan.

He was turned adrift after his crew had been smashed. Damage to the boat was about \$200.

PIRACY NEAR COLONY

Six men, armed with three daggers, a revolver and a rifle, took cargo valued at \$1,118 from a fishing boat on Saturday. The loot included pig, oil, iron ore, eggs, and 60 bags of rice.

Wong Chiu-kan, master of the boat, reported that a shot was fired near Ku Kin Tai. Two of his folk were assaulted during the robbery. His assault and rudder were damaged, and he was drifting for about two hours before being picked up by another junk.

JAPANESE ON WAR

Former Nazi Friendship Has Disappeared

The striking change in Japan's attitude to Britain following the declaration of war in Europe, was described by a Japanese resident, who returned here yesterday by steamer after a visit to his country.

"All the former feeling of friendship with Nazi Germany has completely disappeared and although Japan wants to be strictly neutral, the sympathy of the people is with the Allies," he said.

Manifestations of anti-British feeling had disappeared and people in all circles were eager to renew friendship with Great Britain, he pointed out.

The trend of events is amply justified by the declaration by the former Consul-General, Mr. Tajiri that Hongkong would not be affected by the war," he said.

"The Japanese people want peace and an end to the hostilities in China as soon as possible. The Japanese Army losses in the fighting in Mongolia with the Russians were very large—much greater than the numbers revealed and to-day people in Japan are very nervous as to the Soviet's movements," he added.

The new Japanese cabinet was much more moderate than the former one and it was expected that every effort would be made to improve British and American relations.

Hope for the success of talks with America, regarding the abrogation of the trade treaty with Japan were entertained and also for the resumption of talks with Great Britain regarding China.

"The strike of foreign office and consular officials over the appointment of a commercial attaché from outside the foreign office was most successful and the matter has been completely smoothed over," he said.

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This was the climax to a dramatic story of the sinking of a tramp steamer which, Hongkong residents returning from leave were able to tell when a British liner arrived from England this morning.

A few of them were spectators of the sinking, which was the result of a submarine attack and which occurred with overwhelming swiftness.

Destroyers attacked the submarine and there was strong evidence that they sank her.

Among the Hongkong residents aboard the liner at the time of the sinking—several witnessed the disaster—were—Mr. C. R. Crampton, Chief Engineer in Butterfield and Swire's service, and his wife, Mr. J. Dew, Mr. A. P. Ferguson, Miss J. S. Faulds, Captain J. L. Gamble, Butterfield & Swire skipper, Mr. E. J. Keevil, Mr. H. C. Keech, Mr. H. B. Loney, Sub-Lt. May, R.N., and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. T. Tam.

RUSSIA'S DEMANDS Not Impossible Believes Finland

HELSINKI, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—While the strictest secrecy is maintained regarding the Soviet demands and the nature of the Finnish reply, general optimism prevails in Helsinki and there is a belief that an amicable settlement will be reached.

The reported statement by Stalin that the U.S.S.R. does not intend interference with the Scandinavian countries or encroachment of Finnish independence is received with great appreciation.

Meanwhile Finland is leaving nothing to chance and continues to concentrate all her resources in readiness for any eventuality.

Reply To Russia

HELSINKI, Oct. 28 (UP).—The Cabinet completed their deliberations over the draft of the Finnish reply to Russia.

In the inner Cabinet, Mr. Erkkö, the special envoy, Mr. Tanner, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Defense and the Premier studied the Russian proposals throughout the day.

The atmosphere was expectant and not unduly pessimistic.

The city was completely blacked out.

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BRITISH CASUALTIES ARRIVE IN BLIGHTY

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—The first British ambulance train containing sick and accident cases arrived to-day at a country station near London.

Ambulances, which are converted coaches, each containing ten stretchers, waited outside the station and there were 50 to 60 stretchers on the platform with nurses standing by.

The more serious cases were wrapped in blankets and carried from the train by policemen and volunteer ambulance men.

Others still wearing battle uniforms limped to the ambulances on sticks and crutches.

All the men were taken to a large hospital near the station.

FIVE RAIDERS SAID LOOSE IN ATLANTIC

PARIS, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—Five German raiders appear to be operating in North and South Atlantic, according to the military correspondent of the "Intransigent."

This correspondent says that from incomplete evidence, the raiders are reported to be two pocket battleships, the Deutschland and the Admiral von Scheer, and three other vessels, the Westphalen, Friesland and Ostmark, which before the war were supply ships for German South Atlantic plane services.

Another raider, the Schwabenland, is reported to have sunk the steamer Clement and was sunk herself a few days afterwards by British cruisers.

The British Admiralty has confirmed that the Clement was sunk by the Deutschland.

R.A.F. IS READY TO RETALIATE

Immediate Reply To Goering's Threat

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—Despatches from the Western Front show that the Allied forces, and in particular the R.A.F., are fully prepared to resist any intensification of the war in the air, as was threatened by Marshal Goering, the Nazi Air Minister, in his recent speech.

A message from a B.B.C. observer with the R.A.F. in France says: "If air attacks by Germany lead to indiscriminate bombing, there is no doubt that the Allied Air Forces will retaliate, and they are all prepared to do so."

Judicious Flights

"British planes so far have carried out no actual attacks on Germany for fear of killing civilians."

"In order to leave no doubt of this, R.A.F. planes on their flights over Germany carried no bombs."

"The R.A.F. could have attacked many quite legal military objectives, but they knew that this could not have been done without killing and injuring some civilians, and so they held their hand."

"So far as is possible at this stage to draw conclusions, our planes have given better performance than the German machines, and are more suited to the strain of war conditions."

"Our pilots have shown themselves more determined and skilful in pressing home attacks against strong defence."

"This indicates, apart from the question of morale, that they are better trained."

Confucianism To Be Revived

Leading Chinese Form Organisation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CHUNGKING, Oct. 29 (UP).—An effort to revive Confucianism, which is considered essential in time of national disaster, prominent Chinese Government officials including Yu Yuen, President of the Control Yuan, Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, Tai Chuan-hsien, President of the Examination Yuan, Chen Li-fu, Minister of Education, and Ho Ying-chin, Minister of War, with the approval of Dr. H. H. Kung, are organizing an "Institute of Confucianism" with the object of studying and developing Confucian virtues.

The organization will be established soon with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Lin Sen as honorary presidents, and Dr. H. H. Kung as president.

R.A.F. BATTLE THROUGH SNOW AND ICE OVER REICH

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—An epic story of the first Air Force reconnaissance over South Germany, carried out on Friday night in icy conditions, was told to a special "Reuter" correspondent who interviewed some fliers on their way home.

Americans, Well Known In H'kong, Witnessed Devastation of Warsaw

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1 (By Air Mail).—Consul General Davis and staff arrived in Berlin.

This telegram to the U.S. State Department in Washington from the American Consulate in Berlin closes another chapter in the amazing careers of two American diplomats who are well-known in Hongkong and the Far East.

AMERICANS ANNOYED

Alleged Obstruction By The Soviet

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (UP).—The United States Ambassador to Moscow has again reported that he is unable to make telephone connections with United States officials at Murmansk regarding the City of Flint.

The Russian authorities have again assured him that the crew are all well.

Still At Murmansk
Mr. Alexander C. Kirk, the American Charge d'Affaires at Berlin, has also reported that the Ministry of Marine has advised him that the Americans are still aboard the City of Flint, which has not yet sailed from Murmansk.

These reports have accentuated official irritation here regarding what is considered to be Russia's apparent obstruction of the United States officials' efforts to communicate with the crew of the captured ship.

State Department's Complaint
WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—That Russia withheld information in connection with the City of Flint case and failed to co-operate is part of a strong complaint against Moscow by the State Department.

Even on Saturday night, says the State Department, they were not told if the City of Flint had actually left Murmansk.

By such an attitude, the Soviet's professed neutrality is open to serious criticism.

It was within an hour or two of the State Department's announcement that the official Russian news agency "Tass" stated that the City of Flint had left Murmansk.

The correct procedure under International Law, it is pointed out here, when a merchantman is brought into a neutral port with a prize crew aboard, is for the neutral country not to intern the prize crew only if the vessel was forced into port because of bad weather, lack of provisions or necessity for repairs.

Otherwise the neutral country must intern the prize crew and return the vessel.

Only An After-Thought
In this case, the German prize crew could give no reasonable grounds for the capture.

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Record Defence Budget In U.S.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (UP).—America's Annual national defence costs are somewhere above the billion dollar mark to-day, with no prospect of relief until peace returns to Europe.

From a budgeted \$494,000,000 for national defence in the fiscal year 1934, President Roosevelt has gradually raised the ante to \$1,126,000,000 for the current fiscal year.

But since submitting that estimate to Congress last January, international developments became so menacing that the sum was greatly exceeded.

The Congress which adjourned more than two months ago, appropriated \$1,645,000,000 for strictly national defence purposes in this fiscal year, divided almost exactly between the Army and Navy. A looser definition of the term would increase the sum by more than \$500,000,000.

Now Battleships
Notable in the naval appropriation were funds to continue work on 121 naval vessels and lay keels of 23 more, including two 45,000 ton battleships.

Funds were obtained to increase the Army Air Corps strength to 5,500 planes by July 1, 1941.

National defence appropriations for this fiscal year are 65 per cent. greater than for the fiscal year which ended last June 30. It may not be necessary to maintain that pace of increase but the chance of pulling defence costs below \$1,000,000,000 annually is too small now for consideration.

LATEST

Ether Duel

"Freedom" Radio Is Jammed By Nazis

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—Another duel took place to-day in Germany between the anti-Nazi "Freedom" station and Nazi radio jammers.

Five minutes after the "Freedom" broadcast started, jammers got to work.

The station changed its frequency several times and jammers followed the change almost immediately.

Appeal To Catholics
However, listeners could get a gist of the announcer's words. He said the Nazis had been dealt a severe blow by the American repeal of the Arms Embargo. He also referred to the Papal Encyclical and urged Roman Catholics in Germany to rise against Hitler (as he has repeatedly urged in the last few days).

The announcer said that a prominent German Catholic leader had been executed in a Nazi concentration camp.

Lawlessness Of The U-Boats

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—A special commentary issued to-day states that special interest has been aroused in Britain at the Premier's recent speech in which he referred to the growing lawlessness of the U-boat campaign, particularly the number of women and children on the passenger lists.

It is noted that about 40 per cent. of these are reported missing.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 29 (UP).—A heavy storm off the Isle of Moen is driving live mines ashore. Ten were stranded to-day. The storm is hampering shipping.

Hitler's Talk With Il Duce

Offensive Against Britain Discussed

PARIS, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—After conferring with Gauleiters last week, Hitler had a long telephone conversation with Signor Mussolini, according to rumours reaching "Havas" from the German frontier.

The two Dictators are said to have discussed the chances of a big offensive against Britain.

"Il Duce" is said to have been very successful with regard to the German situation.

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LETTERS

Tax Your Neighbour?

The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—Now that citizens have had plenty of time to pore over their past taxes, it is to be hoped that they have not been grinding axes, that their own tax would not have hit somebody else very hard. It is necessary to question ourselves first. For so many of us think our neighbour's wage too high, profits exorbitant, way of life entirely wrong. Teetotallers are wont to advocate taxation of alcohol; non-smokers vote for a tobacco tax. Careful folks would place imposts on luxuries; play boys shout for the property tax. Citizens should explain methods of taxation that they are expert on, that is, the one which would hit them.

W. H. H.

New Taxation

Sir,—No complicated machinery would be required for the collection of any of the following taxes, which fall directly on those best able to pay.

- 1.—10 per cent. surcharge on the cost of all telegrams sent;
- 2.—double the "stamp duty" on all Assignments;
- 3.—20 per cent. on the winning of "Cash sweeps";
- 4.—10 per cent. on the winning of "lottery tickets";
- 5.—Double the duty on perfumes, cosmetics and similar luxuries;
- 6.—10 per cent. on all club and hotel bills;
- 7.—\$10 per annum on every telephone;
- 8.—\$100 per annum on every motor car, excluding taxis, buses and trucks;
- 9.—\$100 on every bathing shed in Hongkong and the mainland.

It is not difficult to estimate what any of the above will bring.

J. W. N.

Rent Profiters

Sir,—I suggest that Government should tax the increases on rent to the full extent of such increase.

I have just been offered a flat at \$175 a month, the rent paid by the outgoing tenant being \$130.

N.B.W.

Answers To Correspondents

Enquirer.—No name, no address, no publication.—Ed.
E.D.—Not allowed to publish names of ships.—Ed.

Belgium And Neutrality New Affirmation By The Primate

BRUSSELS, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—At a service of intercession for peace at Brussels to-day, the Primate of Belgium again reaffirmed Belgium's determination to preserve her neutrality. The Primate was speaking in the presence of King Leopold and members of the government.

Would Be A Crime

He said it would be a crime for Belgium to join the war unless her existence was threatened, but fortunately she was guaranteed by the Powers and by the resolve of her army and King.

Belgium was always loyal to engagements and had had no part in the cause of the present war. The Primate urged on all Catholics spiritual mobilisation for the sake of Belgium and the future of Europe.

THE "TELEGRAPH"

will send a Staff Photographer to all events of public interest. Requests should be addressed to the Pictorial Editor.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

The Annual General Meeting of the above Association will be held in the Board Room, South China Morning Post, Ltd., on Friday, November 10th at 6.15 p.m.

Business: Annual Report, and Statement of Accounts. Election of Officers. Recommendations to Incoming Committee.

W. MULCAHY.

Hon. Secretary.

Eastern Beat Navy 6-2

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rising shot, but Lau was not giving anything away and picked the ball from the left corner of the goal. O'Hagan received from Henon to test Lau again, but Lau just managed to tip the ball over for a corner. From the resultant kick, a melee in front of Eastern goal saw the tumbled head of Thorburn connect to open the scoring for the Navy.

Eastern gained the ascendancy for a few minutes when Hau made a fine run down the line and sent in a very dangerous centre. Their anxiety to get the equaliser caused the Eastern forwards to be pulled up almost every time they attacked. Mr. Foster humbled the game very well, but was not very popular with the Chinese supporters who failed to see the tactical "one back" play of the Navy.

EASTERN RALLY

EASTERN rallied and imperceptibly took the game from the hands of the Navy. The result was Robinson was called upon to save point blank shots from Hau and Chung which he did in grand style. Hau returned to the attack but attempted to dribble the goal and spelled a fine chance of scoring.

FIRST REWARD

SHORTLY afterwards, Chung brought the crowd to its feet with a grand goal as could be seen. With Robinson sprawling on the ground after saving a hot shot from him, he followed up and sent it into the empty goalmouth.

This put new life into them and they rallied back after attack on the Navy area. Unchallenged, Hau ran in with Chung and Thiam in attendance, but he made the fatal mistake of passing to Chung and the referee blew offside.

The second half was as exciting as the first and the Navy defence proved the turn of the table for them.

Hau received from Lo and Robinson was called-upon to save point blank shot from Hau and Chung which he did in grand style.

At this stage a little unpleasantness was evidenced with the number of infringements, elbows being much in evidence and back kicking.

Kong was a tower of strength and totally eclipsed Tsang, his speed, strong kicks and positioning spoiling many of the Navy's attacks. He brought his head to good use, now and again heading almost to midfield.

DEFENCE STRAIN

CHUNG now showed his mettle as Robinson soon found out. The ball bounced from his hands from a point blank shot from Chung but that did not inconvenience him from going full length to save the follow-up shot of Chung.

Roughly and Henon was feeling the strain, and were becoming slightly erratic in their passes with the consequence that an attack was hardly repulsed before the ball was back again.

Chung outmanoeuvred Robinson to score the Eastern's second goal from a rebound from Henon's foot. A contingency of Eastern players on the Navy's goalmouth resulted in Chung adding another goal with Robinson unsighted. But Middleton showed that the Navy still had a sting when he caused Lau to save with his left hand from an angled shot.

Yes took the ball from the goal kick and tested Robinson who went full length. The ball was dribbling slowly into the goal when Henon made a gallant attempt to kick out, but Chung was there first and secured his hat trick.

At this period Colas suffered an injury to his left elbow, but resumed play to a burst of cheering.

Hau centred and the ball hit the crossbar to rebound into play for Chung to top the ball. Hau culminated a flashy display by tricking Roughly, and bounding him scored with Robinson unsighted.

LAST EFFORT

UNDAUNTED the Navy strove for the upper hand and after a spirited attempt Middleton culminated a fine run with an equally fine goal. The last few minutes of the game saw the Eastern pressing, and their efforts were rewarded with Chung adding the sixth and final goal. The whistle blew with the Navy still trying.

Navy—Robinson; Roughly, Henon; Hopp, Hizaed, Colas, Phillips, Allison, O'Hagan, Thorburn, Middleton.

Eastern—Lau Hin-hon; Kong Sing-king, Tsang Chung-wan; S. T. Lau, Cheng Ying-kuen, Lo Wai-kuon; Yee Hak-hing, Chung Kin-hai, Thiam Joe-lak, Hau King-sing, Hau Chung-to.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand do.	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	105
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	40 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	108
T.T. France	10.00
T.T. Switzerland	108
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/4
4 m/s France	94 1/2
30 d/s India	11.45
U.S. Cross rate in Lon.	4.02
New Cross rate in N.Y.	3.99 1/2

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks	1,305 b.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	£ 77 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	£ 78 n.
Chartered	7 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	20 1/4 n.
Mercantile, C.	72 n.
East Asia	72 n.

INSURANCES

Canton	202 1/2
Union	400 b.
China Underwriters	175 sh.
H.K. Fire	175 sh.

SHIPPING

Douglases	68 b.
Steamships	12 n.
Indo-China, P.S.	60 n.
Indo-China, D.S.	30 n.
Shell (Barkers)	85 1/2 n.
Waterboats	8.10 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves	101 n.
Docks	10.10 n.
Providents	4 b.
New Eng. Sh.	14 1/2 n.
Sh. Docks Sh.	175 n.

MINING

Kailan s/-	13.9 n.
Railis s/-	9.00 n.
Venz. Gold	4 n.
H.K. Mines	4 n.

LANDS

Hotels	4 1/2 b.
Lands	32.10 n.
Land 4 1/2 do.	par. n.
S'ral Lands Sh.	9.0 n.
Humphreys	4.10 b.
H.K. Realities	4.10 b.
Chinese estates	100 n.

UTILITIES

Trams	10 s.
Peak Trams (old)	7.40 n.
Peak Trams (new)	7.40 n.
Star Ferries	61 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries	22 b.
China Lights (old)	7.80 n.
China Lights (new)	4.4 n.
H.K. Electric	49 1/2 b.
Mueno Electric	18 n.
Sandakan Light	20.20 n.
Telephones (old)	7.00 n.
Telephones (new)	7.00 n.
Tractions s/-	19 n.
Tractions (Prof.) s/-	22 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald. Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. 14.14 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pre.)	Sh. 13 n.
Canton Eggs	1.1 n.
Cements	14.00 n.
H.K. Ropes	4.80 n.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms (old)	20 s.
Dairy Farms (new)	19 1/2 n.
Watsons	11 1/2 b.
Lanc. Crawford's	7 1/2 n.
Sinceres	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	41 n.
Powell, Ltd.	1 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh.	22 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	175 n.
Zong Sing Sh.	42 n.
Wing On Textiles	40 1/2 n.

MISC.

H. K. Entertainments	\$ 6.35 n.
Constructions (old)	\$ 1.55 n.
Constructions (new)	\$ 1.55 n.
Vibro Piling	\$ 8 1/2 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	30 1/2 n.
C. Bonds	100 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	79 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan	79 1/2 n.
Marsmann (Lon.) s/-	12 1/2 n.
Marsmann (H.K.) s/-	4 1/2 n.

Sale Of Chinese Jewellery

NEW YORK, Oct. 29 (Central).—In the first day's sale of Chinese jewellery at Lord and Taylor's here, a sum of more than US\$7,000 was realised.

The sale was jointly sponsored by Madame Chiang Kai-shek and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. The proceeds of the sale will be devoted entirely to the relief of Chinese war-time waifs.

During the first day of the sale, many Chinese and American ladies were present at the bazaar, lending their help, including Mrs. Lin Yutang and Miss Dorothy Thompson.

Already the sale has evoked much interest in fashion circles here, and the event has the double significance of helping China's war-time children refugees, as well as promoting Chinese-styled jewellery.

S.M.C. To Meet On Wednesday

CHUNGKING, Oct. 30 (Central).—The Shanghai Municipal Council will meet on November 1 to discuss the extra-settlement road issue and the decision on a proposal to be forwarded to the bogus regime.

Govt. Loses A Minister

Death Of Lieut-Col. A. J. Muirhead

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—The death is announced of Lieut. Col. A. J. Muirhead, until recently Under-Secretary of State for India.

Lieut. Col. Muirhead represented the Wells Division of Somerset as a Unionist since 1920.

In the 1931-35 Government, he was Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Ministers of Agriculture and Fisheries (Sir John Gilmour, and Mr. Walter Elliot), and he became Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour in 1935.

Since then he has held the office of Under-Secretary of State for India, and has been responsible for answering most of the House of Commons questions on India and Burma.

Among other things, Lieut. Col. Muirhead was a member of the Oxfordshire County Council.

HONGKONG RESIDENTS SEE SUBMARINE DRAMA AT SEA

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convey and see whether we were all there. There was an explosion and I heard someone shout "There she goes."

"I hurried back forward and stared ahead, but all I could see was a white bulge of water. I hurried to my cabin nearby by my glasses and returned and trained them ahead, but all I saw was the blank surface of the water. The whole thing didn't take longer than two minutes."

"Just before 11.15 the same day we had another alarm and we all had to don our lifebelts and go to our deck stations. We were there for perhaps an hour before we were allowed to disembark."

"The one who showed the most consternation was our chef, who was furious over the danger of the 'flim being spoilt'."

Passengers Do Duty

The liner was more carefully sand-bagged and darkened than most ships that have arrived from home, canvas shields being erected at her deck entrances, and she was under careful night-time supervision during her journey of nearly seven weeks. The passengers played a part in this supervision.

"We were allotted duties soon after leaving home," said one passenger. "Afterwards, and particularly after the convoy left us on the fourth day, we had to do turns of training and duty and when an alarm sounded we had to go to our stations."

"My duties were employed on inspection duty to see that no lights were visible at night, and on look-out duty, but there was also a volunteer gun crew."

"Some firing practice was done on the way, and on targets that were overboard—dark, accurate firing, too."

"Whenever anyone on look-out noticed anything suspicious the ship, which went at full speed after leaving the convoy, would begin to zig-zag."

"The women also had their special duties. Most of them were prepared for Red Cross work, but fortunately there was no call for this service. One girl took B.D.C. news bulletins each day and prepared the daily news sheet. However, the novelty of these duties quickly wore off and they soon became 'housework'."

"The black-out precautions caused one casualty among the crew. This was a quartermaster who fell heavily over a chair which had been moved from its proper position on the dark deck."

He arrived in Hongkong with his left arm in a sling and will have to have the elbow treated here.

Passenger List

Through passengers from London aboard the liner were—Miss N. Manley, of the Kailan Mining Administration, Tientsin, and Mrs. R. A. Boothroyd, Miss P. Leuty, Miss B. Courtney, Mrs. N. Christie, Mr. G. Danson, Mrs. L. Griffin, Mr. J. G. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. H. Kimbrell and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Sterleker, Captain C. B. Stringer, Mr. P. Stenness, Mr. E. O. Saveland, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Thompson and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. K. Wheeler and daughters, and Mrs. P. Crow and daughter.

Others who disembarked in Hongkong were—Mr. J. Hogg, Mr. A. P. R. Fernandes, Mr. M. Drummond, Mr. W. R. Fielden, Mr. J. Hawkins, Mr. J. A. Urquhart, Cmdr. M. J. Yeatman, R.N., and Mrs. W. Young, Mr. E. G. Mulholland, Mr. Tan Te-moo, and Mr. E. L. Kalle.

Through passengers from Singapore included—Mr. P. C. Strickland, Rev. Father Schmid, Mr. and Mrs. T. Brooks, Mrs. J. Wood and daughter, and Mr. N. I. Patel.

TWO NEW DOCTORS

Dr. Gordon King of University Path, has been added to the list of qualified medical practitioners. He is a Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians of London 1924, a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England 1924, a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of London 1930.

The name of **Dr. (Mrs.) Irma Frommer** (nee Edelmund), of Hillwood Road, has also been added to the list. Mrs. Frommer is a Doctor of Medicine and Surgery of the University of Bologna, Italy, 1937.

MEMORIAL PLAYGROUNDS

Government To Go Ahead With Scheme

OWING to pressure of work upon the Public Works Department since the war, the \$158,368 King George V Memorial Playgrounds, revised plans for which are now awaiting the Governor's approval, will be constructed by private contractors, the Telegraph understands.

Detailed plans have been prepared by the architects Messrs. Palmer and Turner, for the Jordan Road corner site in Kowloon, but detailed plans have not yet been prepared for the Victoria site at the old Government Civil Hospital.

It is understood that, despite the war, every effort will be made to push ahead with the construction of the Kowloon site.

Both the areas adjoin closely congested areas and the building of playing fields will benefit the Chinese population alone. The decision to build the playing fields was made about three years ago, and the money was collected by public subscription.

The plans for the Kowloon site include the construction of a striking memorial entrance gate in Chinese style, a commodious pavilion and pergola. The Victoria site will have a large children's paddling pool and a basket ball ground in addition to swings and see-saws.

AMERICANS, WELL KNOWN IN H'KONG, WITNESSED DEVASTATION OF WARSAW

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Americans and other foreigners in Warsaw were permitted to leave.

Saw War In East

Neither Mr. Davis nor Mr. Jenkins are strangers to warfare.

Mr. Davis was stationed in Belgium just before it fell to the Japanese in December, 1937. He was on Socony Hill there when the Japanese aerial bombardment claimed several foreign lives.

Mr. Douglas Jenkins, Sr. was also in Nanking, and was there when the Japanese entered and sacked the city. After leaving China Mr. Davis was assigned to London, from where he proceeded to Seoul and Vancouver. He only recently returned to Warsaw, and will probably return to the Far East in the near future.

Mr. Douglas Jenkins, Sr. was also appointed U.S. Consul General in Berlin after leaving Hongkong. He is now U.S. Minister to Bolivia.

Babies' Gas Masks

Anti-gas information for mothers of young children is contained in a circular which the Lord Privy Seal has sent to Edinburgh Authorities.

Anti-gas protective helmets for babies under about two and a half years, the circular states, are being produced at the rate of several thousands a day. Many thousands have been issued to the most vulnerable areas.

Supplies of the respirators for small children between the ages of about two and a half and four are becoming available. These respirators are the same in principle as ordinary civilian respirators, but lighter.

Until these become available, children between two and a half and four can be completely protected by the small-size ordinary civilian respirator.

The facepiece must be lifted on the face by tightening the strap which passes over the top of the head, and the eyepiece will be above the level of the eyes, but that will not matter so long as the facepiece makes contact all round the face.

In the event of there being reason to apprehend attack by gas, the Government will broadcast advice as to methods by which anti-gas protection could be improvised for babies and young children for whom protective helmets and respirators may not yet be available.

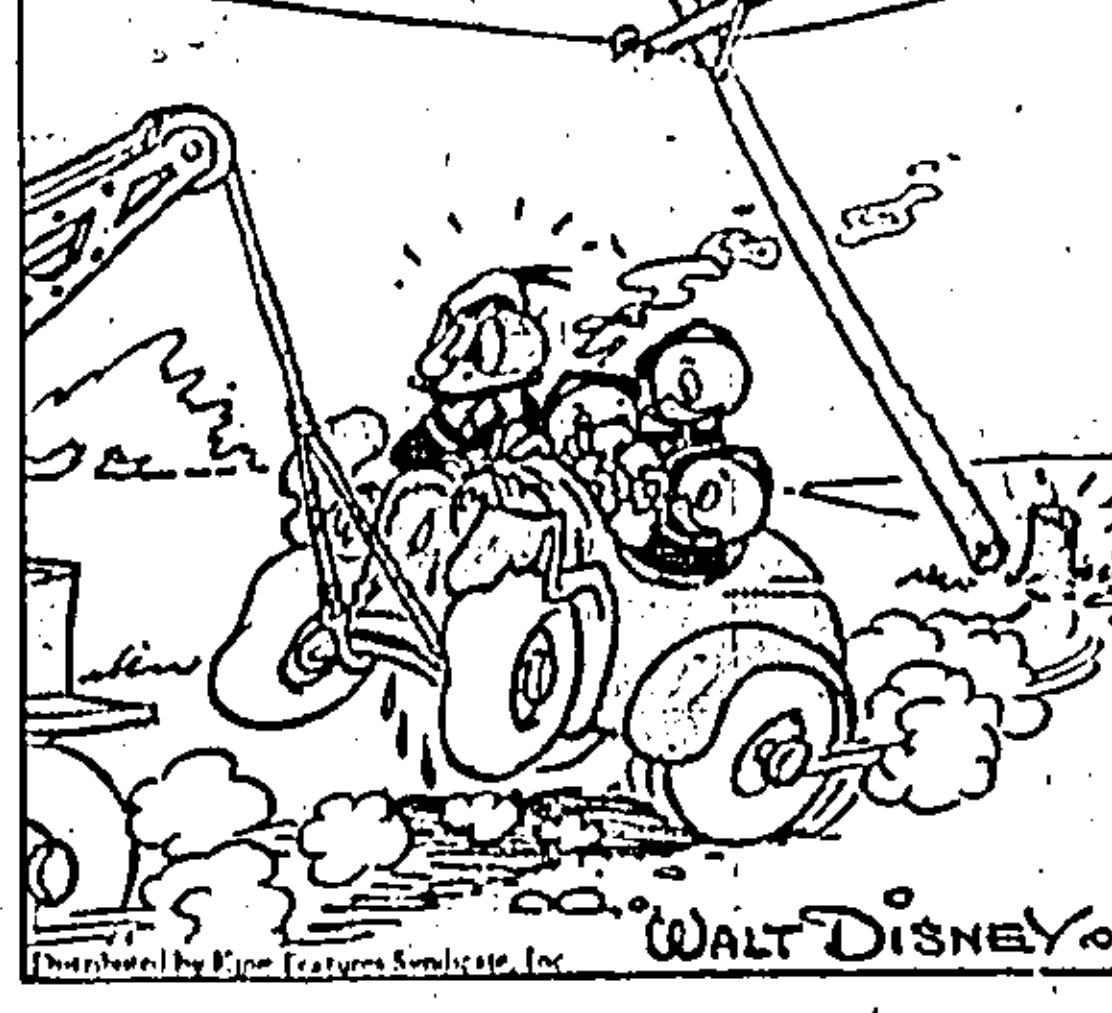
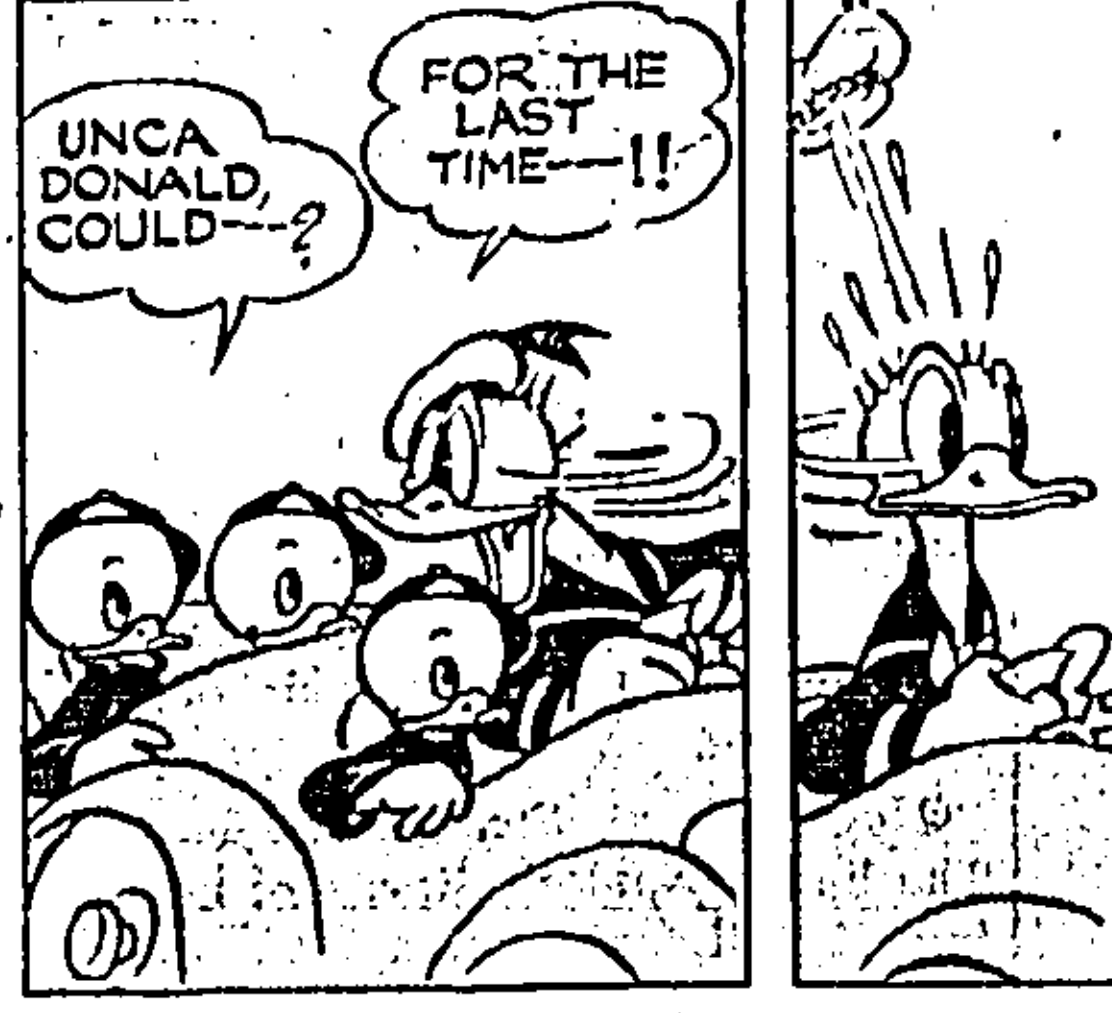
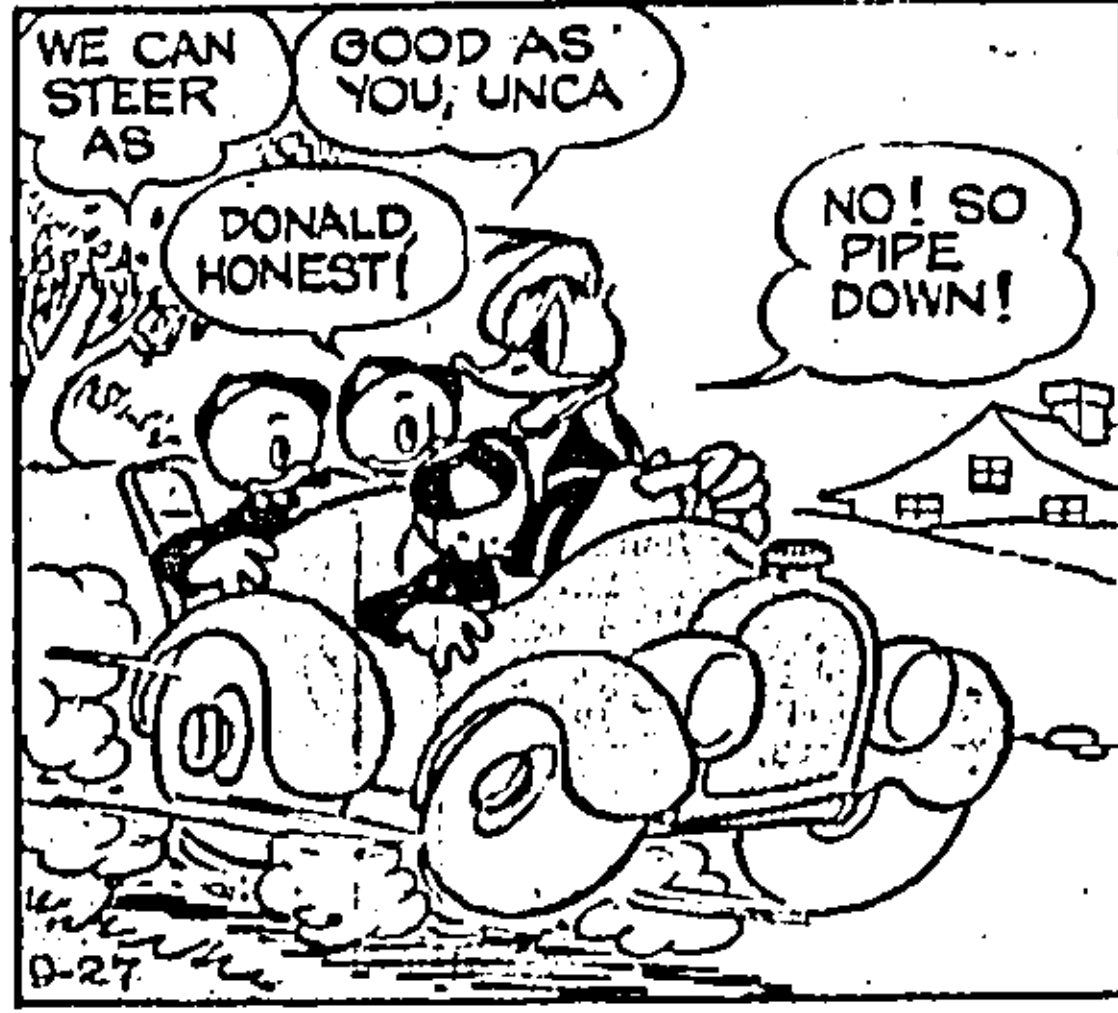
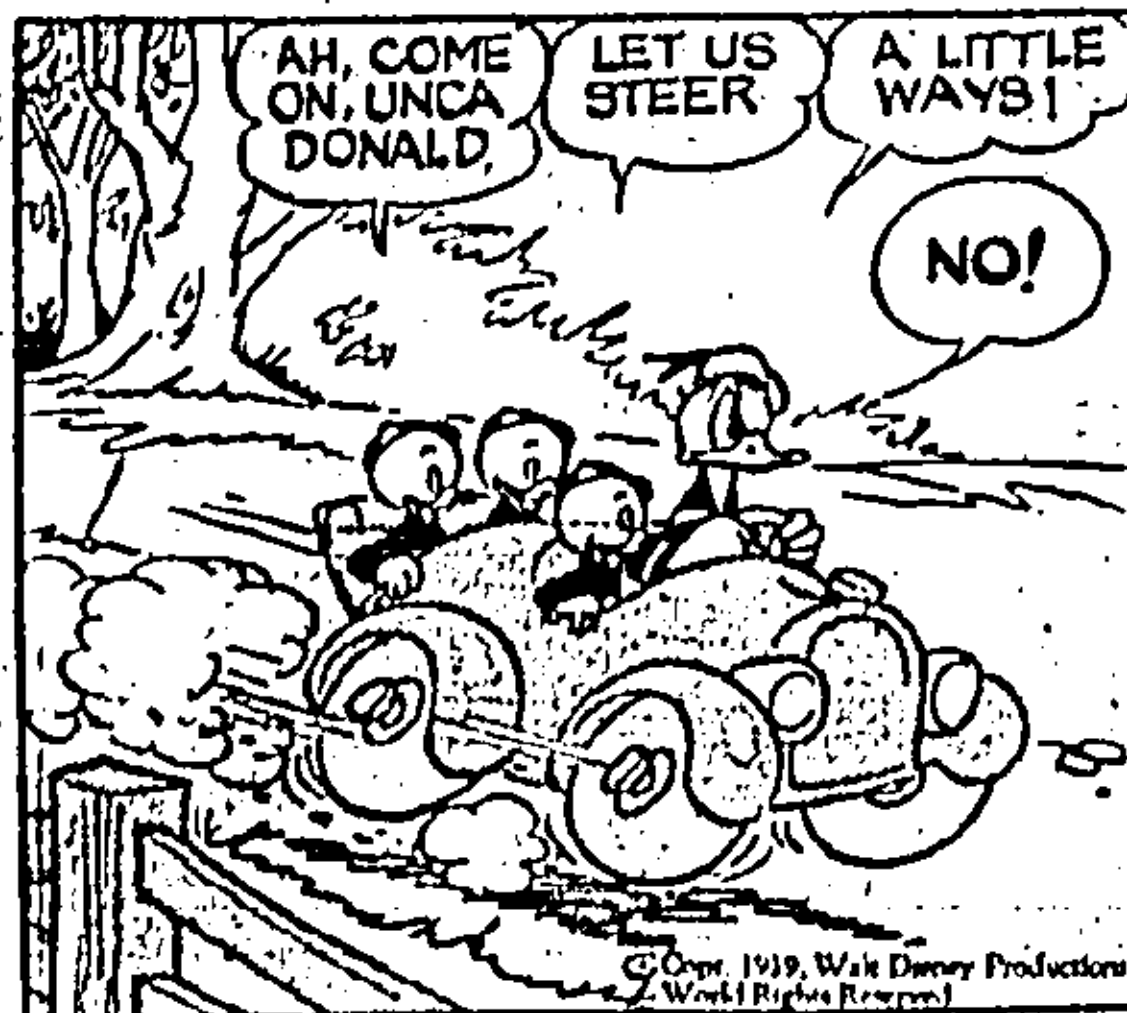
Counties Join Mosquito War

FT. PIERCE, Fla. (UP).—The Florida East Coast Anti-Mosquito Association has been formed. Approximately 30 counties joined in the association war on the malaria-bearing pest. Co-operation of the state board of health will be asked.

Postmistress Doubles on Job

HUMPTULIPS, Wash. (U.P.).—When Grayson Price, a Chico, Cal., attorney sent some papers to be served addressed to "Constable," Humptulips, Wash., did not have a constable. However, Postmistress Mrs. N. F. Loomis served the papers and sent Price a bill

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Power-Dive Bombing on Forth Bridge: Thrill For Thousands

FULL AIR MAIL STORY OF NAZI AIR RAID ON FORTH

GERMANY'S FIRST AIR ATTACK ON BRITAIN, WHICH TOOK PLACE ON OCTOBER 16, WAS DIRECTED AGAINST WARSHIPS IN THE FIRTH OF FORTH. FOUR, AT LEAST, OUT OF THE 12 OR 14 BOMBERS WERE SHOT DOWN. THERE WERE NO R.A.F. LOSSES.

Slight damage was done to two cruisers and a destroyer, with 35 casualties, chiefly from splinters. Dive-bombing at Forth bridge failed. Thousands watched the dog-fights in the air. Shrapnel fell in the streets of Edinburgh; no civilian casualties. The official report, is as follows:

"To-day, October 16, between 9 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. several German aircraft reconnoitred Rosyth."

"This afternoon, about half-past two, a series of bombing raids began."

"These were directed at the ships lying in the Forth, and were conducted by about a dozen machines."

"All the batteries opened fire upon the raiders, and the Royal Air Force fighter squadrons ascended to engage them."

"No serious damage was done to any of his Majesty's ships."

"One bomb glanced off the cruiser Southampton, causing slight damage near her bow, and sank the admiral's barge and pinnace which were moored empty alongside."

"This was the first hit which German aircraft have made during the war upon a British ship. Bombs burst on the water. There were three casualties on board the Southampton and seven on board the cruiser Edinburgh from splinters."

"Another bomb fell near the destroyer Mohawk, which was returning to harbour from convoy escort. This bomb burst on the water and its splinters caused 25 casualties to the men on the deck of the destroyer. Only superficial damage was caused to the vessel, which, like the others, is ready for sea."

"On the other hand four bombers at least out of the 12 or 14 were brought down, three of them by fighters of the R.A.F."

"The first contact between R.A.F. aircraft and the enemy raiders took place off May Island at the entrance to the Firth of Forth at 2.35 p.m., when two enemy aircraft were intercepted."

"They were driven down by our aircraft from 4,000 ft. to within a few feet of the water and chased out to sea."

Two Raiders Down in The Sea

"Another enemy aircraft was engaged ten minutes later over Dalkeith. It fell in flames into the sea."

"Within a quarter of an hour a sharp combat took place off Crail, and the second raider crashed into the sea."

"A third German aircraft was destroyed in pursuit. Two German aviators had been rescued by one of our destroyers, of whom one has since died."

"No civilian casualties have been reported and none occurred in the Royal Air Force."

The communique was jointly issued by the Admiralty, the Air Ministry and the Ministry for Home Security. Early to-day the Cologne wireless station broadcast the following version of the German bombers' attack:

"On Monday afternoon between 2.30 and 3.30 German bombers attacked British warships. Two British cruisers were hit by bombs of heavy calibre in spite of intense fire by anti-aircraft artillery. Two British pursuit planes were shot down and two German planes are missing."

Fishermen Saved Wounded

A thrilling story of the shooting down of the bomber which fell in the sea off Crail was given by the crew of a fishing boat which rescued three of the crew of four of the German machine.

milts along the East Coast from Edinburgh.

The fishing vessel was the Day Spring, which had been fishing near the May Island and was returning to Port Seton with her catch.

Mr. John Dickson, Junior, Invercadd, Port Seton, whose father is the skipper of the vessel, said: "About three o'clock we were returning home when we saw a large black aeroplane travelling at a high speed."

"It was being pursued by two British fighters and they made rings round it. They dived underneath it and then circled up again. They both started firing into the tail of the German."

"The German plane swept round in a circle and suddenly heeled over and dropped into the sea."

"One wing struck the water first, and the machine floated for a short time. When we came up three of the crew were clinging like grim death to an air-compressed lifebuoy, and each of the men also had a lifebuoy of similar construction round his chest."

THREW OUT ROPES

"Just before the plane sank another black machine—a German which was smaller than the other—came down, swept low over it and then made off."

"I saw some of our fighters go after it. We threw ropes to the crew of the sinking plane and when we hauled them aboard we discovered that they were all three wounded."

"They told us that another member of the crew had gone down with the plane."

"They were all young chaps. The man who appeared to be the senior had a bad eye injury."

"Another had been shot in the ribs and we stretched him out on the deck. The third man had been shot in the arm and it was broken."

"The three men were very grateful for being rescued, and the leader, who spoke English fairly well took a gold signet ring from his finger and gave it to my father for saving his life."

"This is a ring for saving me," he said.

Mr. John Dickson Senior, skipper of the Day Spring, said they recognised the machine as a German right away because it was big and black.

"It fell into the sea with a terrific splash."

SAW THE BATTLE

"We were to the spot, and when we got there the machine had almost disappeared. The airman were clinging on to the floats."

Mr. Dickson proudly displayed the gold ring he had received from the German airman.

A policeman with a stretcher met the boat at the little harbour, and all three airmen received treatment at a doctor's surgery before being removed to hospital.

The man with the injured ribs was 24 years old and said that he was to be married in January. Another of the crew was 30 years of age.

was dodging about, and I could see sparks of flame coming from the machine-guns."

"Suddenly the bomber turned round and it swung like a drunken man."

"There was a cloud of smoke, and it plunged into the sea about a mile from the shore."

"A few moments later it disappeared altogether from the surface of the water."

"One of the fighters immediately made off in the direction of the Firth of Forth, and the other hovered overhead until the arrival of a destroyer, which began to patrol the water near where the German machine had disappeared as if searching for survivors."

During the whole of the raid trains continued to cross the Forth Bridge. Passengers on the 2.30 p.m. Edinburgh to Dunfermline train had an exciting experience when the train was about half-way across.

They saw one of the German planes swoop down towards the bridge.

David Archibald, of Dunfermline, a passenger on the train, said: "At Dunfermline we were informed that an air raid was in progress and it was left to our own discretion whether we would continue the journey across the Forth Bridge."

"Most of us decided to continue, and as the train travelled slowly across the bridge we were able to watch the progress of the raid."

"Two planes, one near the south shore and one to the north shore of the Forth, appeared to dive over the bridge and bombs were dropped at short distance to the east of the bridge."

"Great columns of water shot up."

DOWN TO CELLAR

A North Queensferry woman resident said: "Many people did not seek shelter, but stood and watched the planes being driven off."

Apparently some of them were not at first aware that this was the real thing.

"On hearing the anti-aircraft gunfire I and other women sought shelter in cellars after assembling all the children we could find."

One eye-witness here declared that one of the German planes swooped as low as the topmost span of the Forth Bridge, but failed to hit it with a bomb.

NO RAID WARNING

An extraordinary feature of the attack is that no air raid warning was sounded in Edinburgh.

Edinburgh A.R.P. headquarters officials described the whole affair as "a mystery."

It was stated by a military official later that a practice had been arranged to test the East Coast defences and it is believed that it was at first realised that a real attack was in progress.

The Ministry for Civil Defence was last night unable to say why the warning was not given.

BURGO MASTER MAX WIRES LORD MAYOR

BURGO MASTER MAX of Brussels, who defied the Germans throughout the time they occupied his city in the last war, has telegraphed to the Lord Mayor of London.

"When Great Britain, faithful to its promise, courageously faces the trials of war, I express to you, the members of the Corporation of your City, and to the population of London my feelings of the most enthusiastic comradeship—Adolf Hitler."

The Lord Mayor has replied: "It is with heartfelt gratitude that I reply to your telegram. The citizens of London never forget the great lies untruths our City and yours, and will ever remember your generous sentiments at this time—Frank Bowater, Lord Mayor."

The British Socialist Party, through their acting leader, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, M.P., recently broadcast to the Czech-Slovakian people in their language and by secret means the following:

"Now is the time to put an end to the brutal violence endangering all Europe. We are calling from London to Prague and Bratislava—we are calling all workers of Czechoslovakia."

"Remain firm. Keep your hearts strong in the new wave of violence. Remain true to the deeds and principles of the great Thomas Masaryk."

"The hour of your liberation is near. Your tragedy has opened the eyes of the world. The cruel injustice now imposed upon you must be righted."

The British Labour Party declare that Czechs and Slovaks now under the iron heel of Hitler will soon again be free."

Mr. Greenwood also sent messages to the Socialist Parties of Poland, France, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada.

Gestapo Men At Home Of Kaiser

TWO Gestapo spies were arrested recently by the Dutch secret police in the grounds of the ex-Kaiser Wilhelm's estate at Doorn.

The Dutch police are taking strong action against the Nazi element in Holland, and the Dutch radio is publishing news of the police moves simultaneously.

The radio insists that the German-Dutch frontier is now "hermetically sealed" against foreign penetration.

after 20 minutes the all-clear signal was given. Almost immediately afterwards anti-aircraft batteries reopened fire.

FOURTH ATTACK

Yesterday, writes the Naval Correspondent, is the fourth abortive attack made by enemy aircraft on British warships since the war began.

In view of the fact that the two cruisers appear to have been not so much damaged, and was certainly inferior to that of the R.A.F. machines which attacked German warships of Wilhelmshaven and Cuxhaven on September 4.

As on two of the previous occasions, the aircraft suffered several casualties.

The Forth Bridge was completed towards the end of 1890 and opened by King Edward the Seventh, then Prince of Wales, on March 4, 1890.

The bridge is one of the largest in the world—a mile and a half in length and 450 ft. high from the base of the deepest piers to the top of the cantilevers.

MANCHURIA AND REICH

Rumours Of Big Trade Agreement

BERLIN, Oct. 28 (UP).—German informants claim that they have been informed from Dairen that Russia had agreed to transport one million tons of vegetables and meat from Manchukuo to Germany, via the Russian Railways.

If true, this would mean that Germany has solved an important part of her acute food problem.

A German news broadcast states that the Russo-German exchange of goods will reach an annual figure of two billion marks.

Russia will, it adds, supply Germany with "thousands and even millions" of tons of oil, cotton, ores, wood and flax in exchange for German machinery, chemicals and industrial plants.

Counteracting Nazi Lies

Novel Organisation In South Africa

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—The Union Unity Fund (organised to counteract Nazi propaganda) is forming branches in South-West Africa, Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Kenya and Tanganyika.

It is also intended to form a truthful service bureau which will give effect to the fund's aims by means of pamphlets (photographs, maps and films which will be moved from place to place).

A special lie detection department is also to be organised. This will consist of economists, historians and students of international affairs who will answer the untruths in Nazi broadcasts.

ARMCHAIR STRATEGISTS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BALTIMORE, Oct. 27 (UP).—Mr. Harry Woodring, the Secretary of State for War, has denounced the "dangerously prevalent" assumptions by "armchair strategists" that entry of the United States into the war is inevitable.

He stressed the importance of naval, army and industrial economic preparation as the best deterrent to aggressive designs on the United States and scoffed at the suggestions that the United States would permit the export of defensive arms or ban the export of offensive arms.

Recent developments, said Mr. Woodring, demand the improvement of the Army's speed of movement.

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6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Terence Casey at the Organ.

6.45 Dance Music and Variety with the Micalad Moore, Sydney Gustard, Dinah Miller and Others.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Saxophone Solos.

8.20 Studio—Hal Lorenzo (Piano) and Toby Gray (Vocal Refrain).

8.25 Blue Siles, My Blue Heaven, Blue Room, Bye-bye Blues, Piano Medley—Poor Butterfly, Sweet Little Headache, Rose-Room. When My Dream Boat Comes In, Cowboy Saddle, I'm an old cowboy, He-Quest Medley—Deep Purple, Tea for Two, Smoke gets in your eyes. Star Medley—I saw Stars, Star dust, You're my lucky Star.

8.50 Victor Silverster and His Orchestra.

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—The News.

9.30 A Request Classical Programme—Tales From The Vienna Woods—Waltz (Johanna Strauss), Blue Danube (Johanna Strauss), Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski; Vestal La Giubba (I Pagliacci), Leoncavallo Enrico Caruso (Tenor) with Symphony Orchestra; Spanish Dance (Granados, arr. Cosulich, Victor Silverster and His Orchestra).

9.35 The Dance—Rondo Brilliant (Weber, Op. 65), Ignaz Friedman (Piano); Damnation Of Faust—Rakoczy March (Berlioz, Op. 24), Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski; Elsie's Dream (Lohengrin—Wagner), Elisabeth Rethberg (Soprano) and the Berlin State Opera Orchestra; Traumerlei (Schumann, arr. Woodhouse), Sandy Macpherson (Organ); Sonata in G Minor, Op. 45 (Grieg), and Fritz Kreisler (Violin); Serenade (Moszkowski), The Madams of Cadiz (Delibes), Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra; Belero (Ravel) The Lamoureux Choeur of Paris cond. by Maurice Ravel.

11.0 Close down.

SIEGFRIED: CAN IT HOLD OUT?

(Continued from Page 4.)

cent reports that it is precisely here that the French are making their greatest efforts at the moment.

IMPORTANT APPROACH

Cutting through the very heart of the Ardennes region, the Moselle gorge, notwithstanding its meandering course, has from time immemorial been recognised as one of the most important avenues of approach through the mountain barrier into France from the north. So it is not surprising that in 1914 it served as the main line of communication of one of the invading German armies; nor should it be cause for wonder that the French are attacking along that axis. The French moved rapidly up to the line of the Saar River, a tributary of the Moselle that flows northwest past Saarbrücken to join the Moselle just south of Trier. East of Saarbrücken they succeeded in getting a foothold north of the stream. Successful exploitation of a crossing at Saarbrücken will force the Germans to evacuate positions on the north bank of the Saar west of that town, and leave no important natural obstacle in front of the French. This line must be carried before any deep advance can be made down the Moselle.

It can therefore be safely assumed that the south bank of the Saar River is included in the Siegfried Line; organised as a counter-offensive for defensive operations to delay the advance of the French up to the Saar River. The main positions here can likewise be assumed as lying north of the river. This appears borne out by the recent actions, the French encountering heavier resistance up to that line. Meanwhile the Germans are reported to have lost no time in launching counter-attacks also against the penetration made by the French down the Moselle between neutral Luxembourg and the outpost of Trier, which will almost certainly be found very heavily fortified.

ridges between the numerous loops of the meandering Moselle that command the stream and the valley.

WAR OF TRENCHES

Assuming continuance of the neutral status quo in Belgium and Luxembourg, is it too much to suppose a renewal of the last war's experiences—an end to the war of the trenches instead?

If the Siegfried Line can prevent a rupture into Germany, if Belgium and Luxembourg remain uninvolved, and if Germany does not collapse internally, the Allies face a very heavy task to force Italy into the open as a belligerent to enable them to strike through northern Italy into Germany's new province of Austria—an operation performed on more than one occasion by French armies with success in Napoleon's time and with which every French officer is intimately familiar by study.

LECTURE BY EUGENE CHEN

Mr. Eugene Chen will speak on "China and the European War," at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the South China College, 10 Rock Road, Kowloon.

In view of the fact that Mr. Chen's thesis on China's participation in the Allies' cause has aroused wide discussions here and abroad, the authorities have decided to let his lecture be open to non-members of the institution.

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BRITISH TROOPS DIG DOWN INTO SLUSH AND MUD

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Oct. 29 (UP).—"GENERAL WINTER", ARCH-ENEMY OF BOTH THE GERMANS AND THE ALLIES, HAS OPENED HIS OFFENSIVE ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

On the Allied side of No-Man's Land, British troops are digging through frost and snow-covered slush in order to consolidate their positions in preparation for the anticipated Nazi push.

Heavy movements of aircraft behind the German lines, coupled with intensified patrol activity, are believed to be the prelude to the anticipated German attack.

HEAVIEST BARRAGE OF WAR

German front line batteries, including big guns which have so far not been used, hurled the heaviest barrage of the war against the French positions in front of the Maginot Line throughout last night.

The French immediately intensified their own fire along a 90-mile front from the Moselle to the Rhine.

The big guns roared throughout the day, the bombardments soon becoming the most severe duel the war has yet seen.

Judging from the fast tempo of the firing, the Germans used about 20,000 rounds of big shells in 24 hours. They have, however, made no impression on the French defences.

One source states that over a thousand planes are now in position along the French, Belgian and Dutch frontiers.

British Sector Quiet
LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—This is the latest despatch from "Reuter's" special correspondent with the British Expeditionary Force:

"There is still no sign of any German thrust against the sector of France's eastern frontier held by the B.E.F."

"No shot has been fired against the sector, and not one hostile plane has flown over the British lines."

"Nevertheless, the men holding the forward positions have kept up an incessant alert and are ready to spring to arms at the first sign of enemy action."

"Their task is by no means easy. 'I have seen the troops, including the flower of the British Army, fighting the cold, wet and mud-drenched, and living in conditions of maximum severity as far as comfort is concerned.'"

Protecting British Troops
LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—Employment of anti-aircraft guns for the protection of British concentrations of troops and planes in France is being pushed forward rapidly, says "Reuter's" special correspondent with the Royal Air Force in France.

All this week, the Territorial Army gunners have been installing their armament in fields overlooking the Air Force secret Territorial Army anti-aircraft regiment has been sent out and others may come.

They will join up with those of the regular army.

Weather Becoming Worse
PARIS, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—A communique issued on Saturday states: "All quiet generally during the day."

"The weather on the Western Front is getting worse and worse. Snow has fallen in Vosges and the lower areas round the River Saar."

"Reports reaching here suggest that General Kottel is now Hitler's right-hand man in military affairs and is enjoying the fullest confidence."

"General Walther von Brauchitsch, the German Commander-in-Chief, is little more than a figure-head at the moment."

Rain, Snow and Fog
PARIS, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—Rain, snow and fog have brought activity on the Western Front practically to a standstill.

A military expert in France says that the front-line trenches and No Man's Land are being rapidly turned into a bog.

For all that, he says, the French have been sending out small local activity in which hand-to-hand fighting predominated.

The French have taken a number of German prisoners.

Ribbentrop's New Move
Meets Bulgarian Irregulars
PARIS, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—Agents of Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Minister, received several leaders of the Comitadjil (Bulgarian Irregulars) from Dobrudja and Macedonia during the past few days, according to a "Havas" despatch from the German frontier.

Importance is attached to these meetings as it is reported that they were in connection with political developments in the Balkans.

Czechs' New Slogan Free Country In A Free Europe

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 28 (UP).—Speaking at a meeting of Czechoslovakian refugees here today in celebration of the 21st anniversary of the declaration of Czechoslovakian independence, M. Jan Masaryk, former Czech premier, launched the slogan "Free Czechoslovakia in a Free Europe."

He said it would be premature to start pointing a definite political map of post-war Europe. "But we should start this year to think about the future economic configuration of Europe."

"Dividing the European Continent into countless small economic units has been a failure. Whatever may happen the Central European and Danubian countries should start now looking for a common economic denominator."

Czechoslovakia Celebrates
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—Czechoslovakia's Independence Day was celebrated yesterday throughout the country, according to reports reaching London.

The Police in Prague drew a cordon round Wenceslas Palace, but this was broken by demonstrators, who afterwards, however, dispersed.

The Police and the Gestapo were active, but many citizens wore the Czech badge, while the smaller towns and villages, the inhabitants wore traditional costumes in honour of the day.

Nazis Seek Demonstrations
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—The Nazis are searching Prague for the organisers of the Czechoslovakian independence demonstrations there yesterday, according to reports reaching here.

A number of arrests are said to have been already made.

Hundreds of hostages were recently seized by the Nazis in Prague in view of the possibility of such demonstrations. These presumably will be used to compel the suspects to surrender.

Soviet Regime Formed
MOSCOW, Oct. 27 (UP).—The National Assembly of the Soviet Union yesterday pronounced a Soviet regime in western Ukraine.

Two Broadcasts
LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—In addition to the speech by Dr. Edouard Beneš, former President of Czechoslovakia, the republic's independence day was marked by two broadcasts.

One was by M. Jan Masaryk, son of Czechoslovakia's first President, who broadcast from London, and the other was by M. Ousky, the former Czech Minister to Paris, who spoke from the French capital.

M. Masaryk declared: "We are fighting for freedom in Europe. Only in a free Europe will there be a free Czechoslovakia."

"The fate of Hitlerism is sealed and you Czechs will play an important part in carrying out the sentence."

M. Ousky said: "This tragedy shows that every oppression of a small nation affects the great family of nations."

Many Czechs Arrested
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PIAGUE, Oct. 29 (UP).—Heavy patrols of Czech police were on guard in the streets leading to the centre of the city today.

The police turned back all persons suspected of intending to participate in the renewal of Saturday's demonstrations. Even street car services were discontinued.

At 2 p.m. a radio announcement ordered Czechs to cease wearing Czech national colours.

It has been officially announced that 15 suspects have been arrested and scores were temporarily detained following yesterday's clashes in which 17 people were injured.

Those arrested will be punished, the announcement said.

Printed Matter Ban Withdrawn

LONDON, Oct. 29 (British Wire).—The communication orders which prohibited the carrying of printed matter to places outside the United Kingdom, and the export of import, other than by post, of articles such as newspapers, books, maps etc. to most neutral European countries, which were issued at the outbreak of war as necessary measures to combat the passing out of the enemy by spies in this country, have been now replaced by a new order from the War Office.

Under the new order, a permit is no longer required for sending printed matter to any British Dominion, Colony, Mandated Territory or to American country.

No prohibited matter may still be posted, carried or shipped to neutral European countries, China, Japan or Russia, but permits are granted to the trade.

**Greeks Ready To
Defend Country**
ATHENS, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—King George of Greece declared today that if necessary, the Greek nation will defend its land, air and sea.

The King was speaking to newly-sworn officers of the Greek Air Force. He said the Greek people, who understood the danger of unpreparedness in the air, had voluntarily contributed over £200,000 for the air force.

U.S. Senate Act May Be Major Tragedy for Nazis

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Oct. 28 (UP).—Informed circles hail the Senate neutrality vote as possibly the most important single development of the war and assert that it will

formidably increase the Allies resources.

When it becomes effective, the United States will be able to promptly ship to France \$58,000,000 worth of supplies, principally planes and \$14,000,000 to Great Britain.

The London "Evening Standard" says: "Germany must interpret this decision as another defeat to her cause."

The "Star": "There has been exciting and sensational happenings in Europe this week but the action of the United States is likely to outweigh all as a factor of victory."

Berlin Nazis do not attempt to hide their displeasure. Informed circles there claim that Germany may intensify war preparations in an attempt to make an immediate knockout blow to Great Britain.

Sunday Comment
LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—The "Observer," commenting on Neutrality Bill developments in Washington, states:

"The move was dictated by America's own interests. The United States is now still more determined to stay out of the war at all costs."

"If we were 3,000 miles away from Europe, we would also feel like that."

The "Sunday Times" says that the Senate has removed a measure which really was weighing the balance against us.

Pointing out that the revised Neutrality Bill is not yet law, the newspaper adds: "When it becomes so, its importance will be felt."

Reaction in Holland
AMSTERDAM, Oct. 28 (UP).—The vote in favour of repeal of the arms embargo is considered here as a great success for the Allied cause.

The "Algemein Handelsblad" comments: "The unequivocal and convincing Senate vote is, no doubt, illustrative of the sympathy of the majority of the American people."

"Although formally maintaining the United States' neutrality in an intractable manner, the Senate has now made it probable that the great powers adhering to the same principles and ideals of individual freedom as America, will indirectly get material aid of the greatest importance."

Assurances To Belgium Contraband System Explained

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Economic Warfare has issued a statement on the detention of ships carrying cargoes and food to neutral countries.

The statement was in reply to a request from the holding up of food supplies.

The Ministry explains that the only cargo held up was grain for Antwerp, which was only detained as there were other cargoes on the same ship which might be contraband, or cargoes which were destined for countries other than Belgium.

Ships carrying grain and covered by Belgian guarantees that they are not destined for other countries are not detained.

POPE CONDEMNS TOTALITARIANS

ROME, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—His Holiness the Pope today again condemned regimes which suppress religion. He was addressing missionary bishops after their consecration.

His Holiness said that in those countries where the government was based on rules of morality and justice, tyranny was unknown.

There was no lack of respect for authority nor justice, to which human dignity was entitled.

In these days men were too often greedy in search for things material and were not following the ways of justice and peace.

Berlin Bans Encyclical

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—The Papal Encyclical issued last Friday was not read in Roman Catholic churches in Berlin today.

The German anti-Nazi broadcaster, one of its anti-Nazi broadcasts, announced that the Gestapo took special precautions in Cologne to prevent Catholic priests from disclosing the full version of the Encyclical.

Norwegian Ship Sunk

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—A Norwegian steamer was sunk in the North Sea today.

The crew of 30 were landed. Three of them were injured and were taken to hospital.

Sentry Shoots Two Canadian Missionaries

Serious Incident In Kiangsu

PEIPING, Oct. 30 (Reuter).—Two Canadian Jesuit missionaries have been shot, one seriously, by a Japanese sentry at Yaolou, ten miles south-west of Haichow, Kiangsu.

According to a Japanese Army report, three men, dressed in Chinese clothes, passed in on cycles late yesterday afternoon.

Sentry's Mistake

The sentry thought that they were trying to escape him and he fired twice, wounding two, after which he discovered them to be Canadian missionaries.

The names of the wounded missionaries are not known.

No Mission version of the affair is yet available.

It will be recalled that a few weeks ago, the Japanese Army arrested two Canadian missionaries of the Hushow Mission (to which these three belonged) and held them incommunicado for a considerable time.

Japanese Allegation

SHANGHAI, Oct. 30 (Reuter).—A Japanese Army spokesman here alleged that the Rev. I. S. W. Ryding, a British missionary in Chenliu (Honan Province) had been in close touch with Chinese guerrillas who raided that town, causing considerable damage.

The allegation was made in the course of a denial that there is an anti-foreign movement in Chenliu.

Later the Rev. Ryding left the town and went to Tsingtau, the spokesman added.

Far East Solving The Problem 4-Point Programme Is Outlined

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Oct. 29 (UP).—Clarifying their expectations as to the outcome of the Institute of Pacific Relations conference, the Chinese Foreign Relations Association have issued a statement as follows:

(1) Peace and order in East Asia to be based on the agreement reached in the Washington Conference of 1922 to respect China's territorial integrity and to maintain the Open Door policy.

Peace between China and Japan is entirely impossible if Japan is allowed further to disregard the Nine Power Treaty.

(2) Britain and the United States, who are most influential Powers in the Far East, should manifest some co-operation in the maintenance of the Open Door policy, for which capital investment would be welcomed.

U.S. Responsibility

(3) The responsibility of the United States regarding the Far East has become much more important as a result of the war in Europe, therefore a stiffening of American attitude has a great bearing on the future course of Japanese aggression.

(4) Economic warfare is a very serious weapon in Japan's hands for carrying out her aggression in China. However, if she were boycotted by the United States, which supplies Japan with the greater portion of her war material, the latter would be seriously disabled.

A solution of the Sino-Japanese conflict will depend on the concerted efforts of the signatories to the Nine Power Treaty, the statement said.

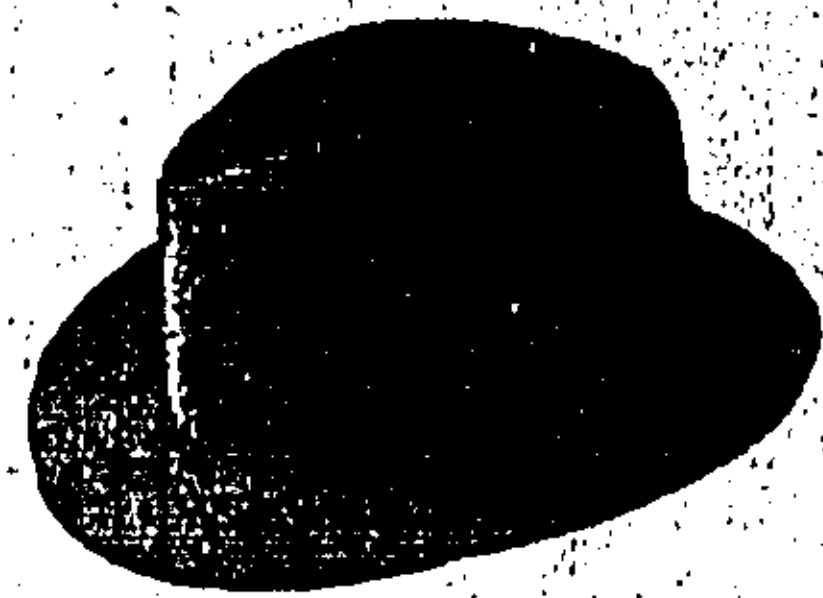
MILITARY PACT SPECULATION Nazi Negotiations With Russians

BERLIN, Oct. 28 (UP).—Informed circles have increased speculation over the possibility of a Russo-German military alliance.

The observations are based firstly on the calling of the Supreme Soviet Council next Tuesday, and secondly, on the arrival of a Russian Trade Delegation.

It is believed that the delegation is authorized to extend conversations beyond trade.

One source close to the Wilhelmstrasse said: "Russia has completed preliminary conversations with Germany which has clarified the situation. Now we can reckon with an important decision."



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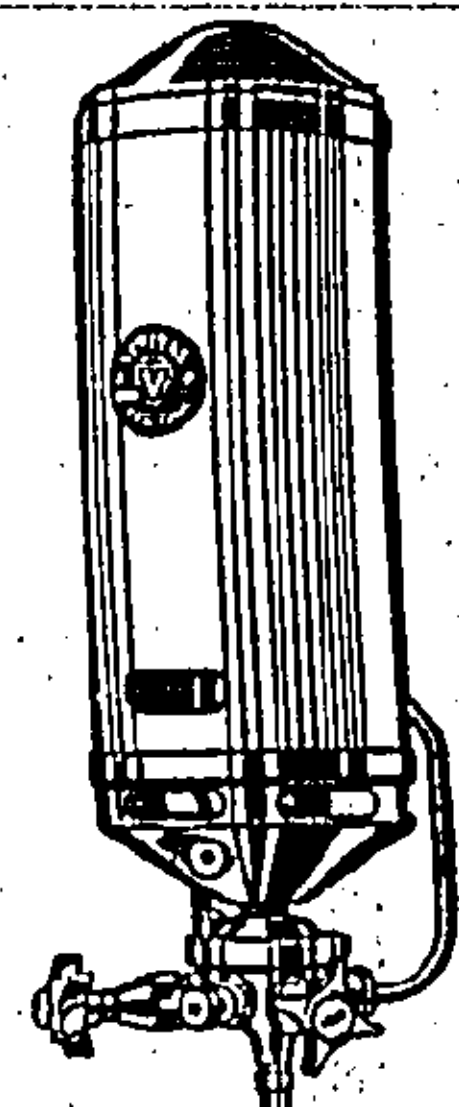
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HAPPENINGS AS SEEN BY THE CAMERA'S EYE



The King, in Royal Air Force uniform, and Queen being received at Bermondsey Town Hall recently, on they made a tour of A.R.P. stations in the district. Right is Sir J. Anderson, Home Security Minister.



Despite assertion by Nazi Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels in Berlin that Germany has no intention of sending army through The Netherlands, the Dutch do not mean to be caught unawares. Here are recruits registering for the army in Amsterdam.



British censor let this picture be sent from London, showing women waiting in line to enlist in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force. Their duties will include motor testing and other ground work, as well as routine in Air Force offices.

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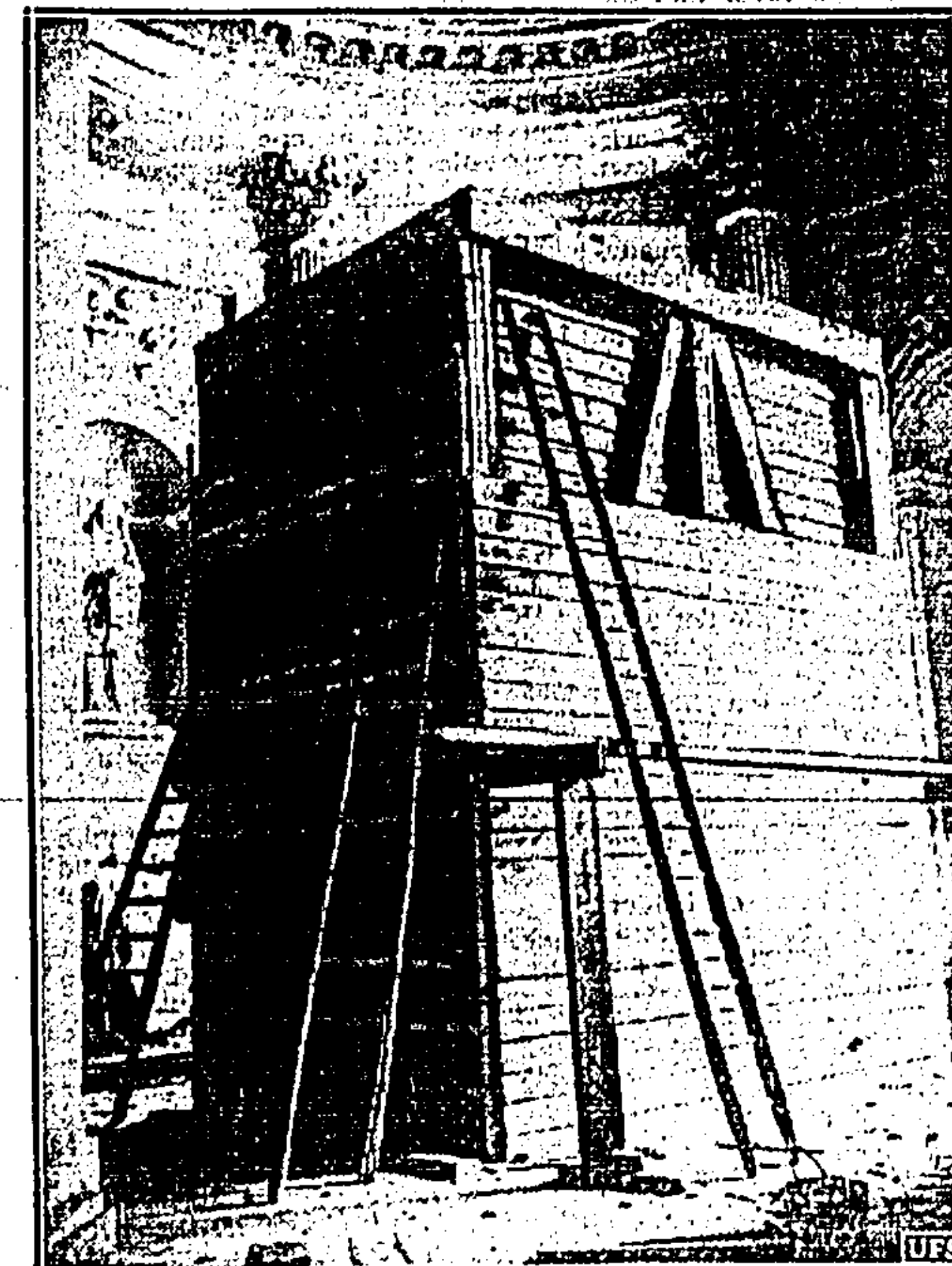
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After hurried trip by plane to Europe, Annabella, actress-wife of Tyrone Power, returns to New York with her daughter, Ann Murat. 9. Girl is by previous marriage to Jean Murat, motion picture director.



As rapidly as possible France is protecting her monuments against possible Nazi air raids. Here is how the tomb of Marshal Ferdinand Foch, near that of Napoleon in Les Invalides, is being boarded up.



One of 20 persons holding German or Czech-Slovak passports ousted from Italian liner Rex, leaving from New York, was Ruth Oppenheim of Cologne. She's shown with Captain Amelio Frugone of Rex.

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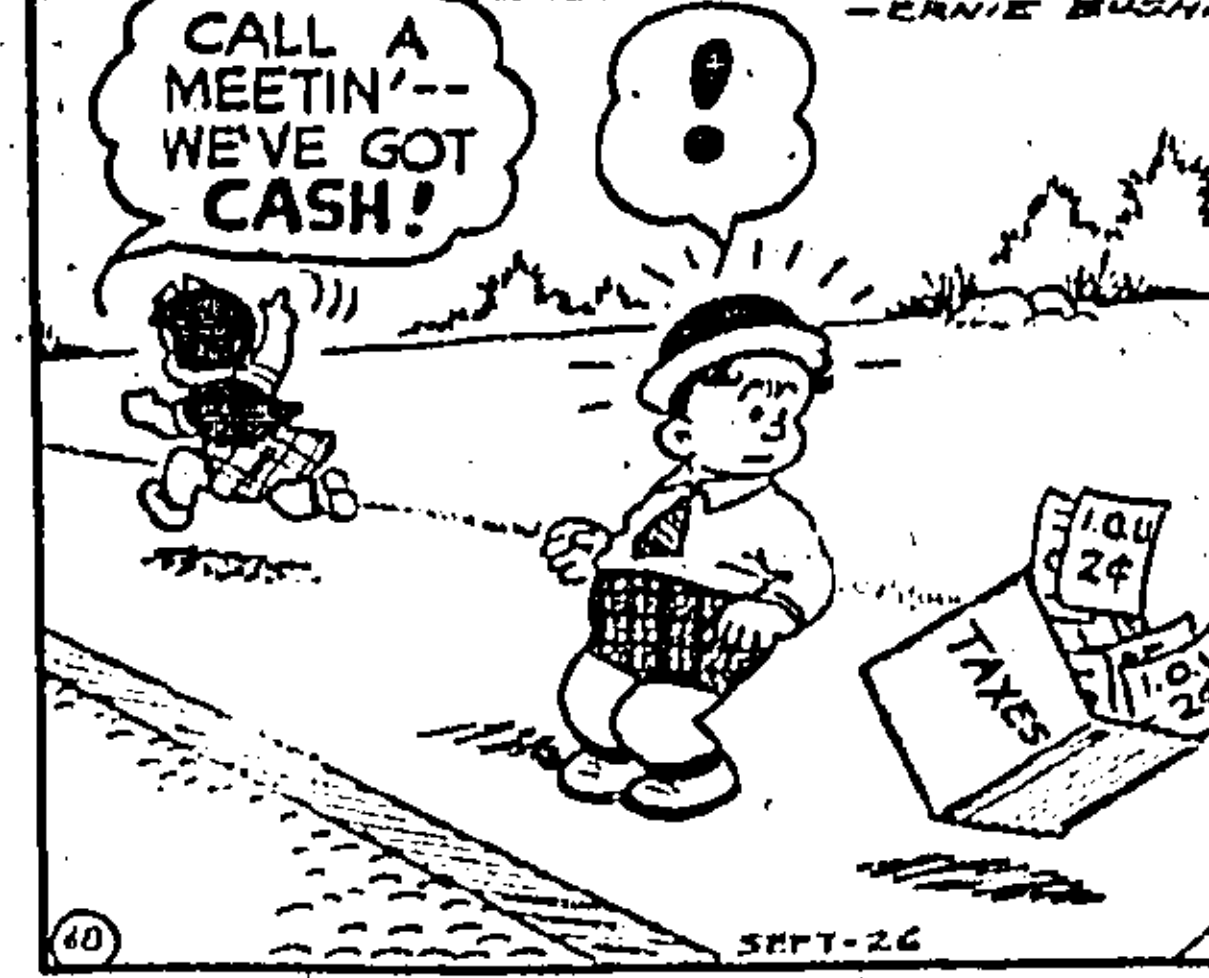
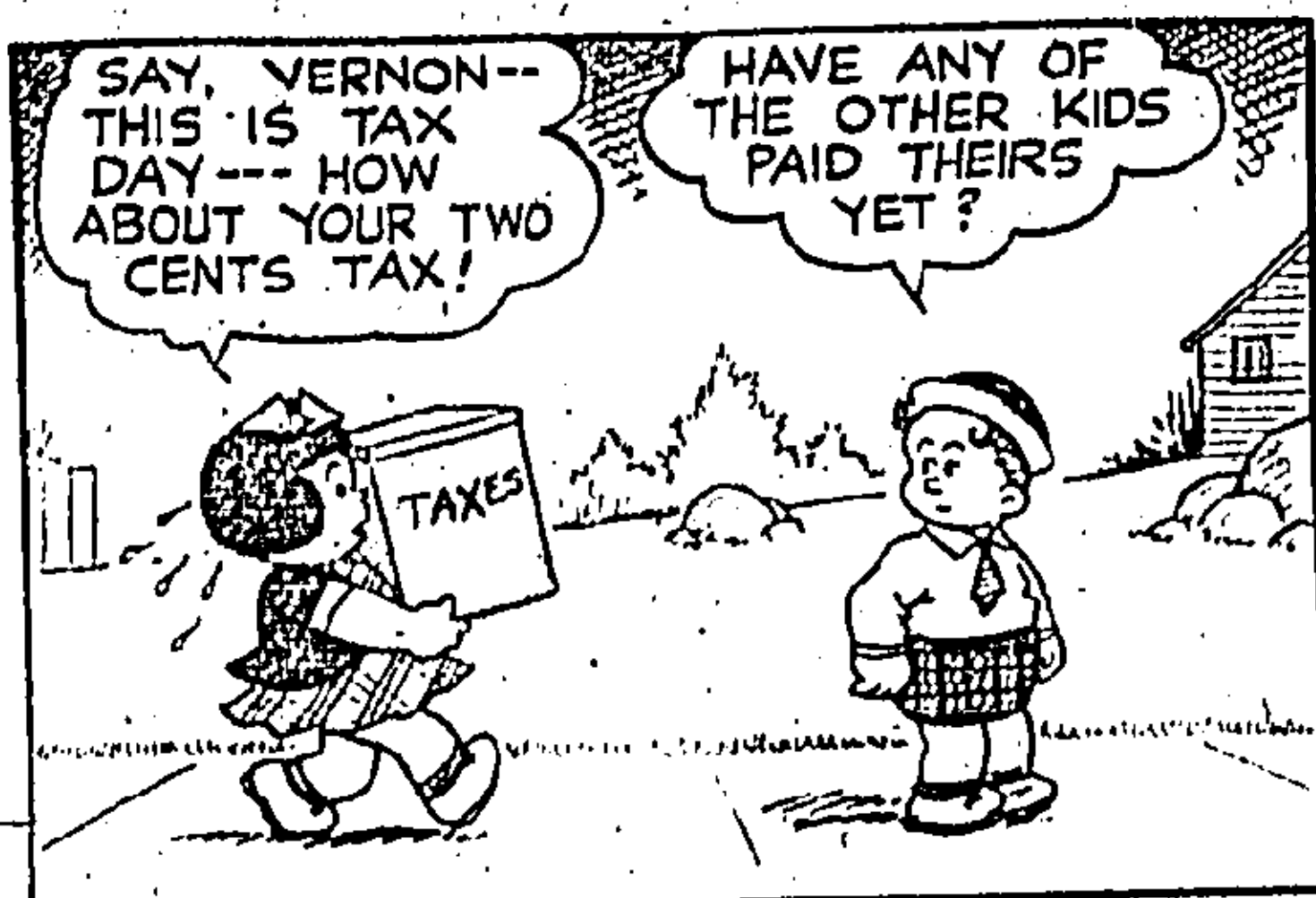
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

He Hated Coffee, So Prison Plot Failed

NEW YORK. THE fact that a prison guard did not like coffee, foiled a daring attempt by convicts to escape from the penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois. The story was told recently by Mr. J. E. Regan, warden of the prison, where 48 prisoners are in solitary confinement, charged with publicity in the plot.

Mr. Regan said that a number of "trusties" (privileged prisoners) delivered to each of the 12 watch-tower guards their usual lunch cans containing food and coffee, but the coffee had been drugged. Eleven guards drank the liquid, and fell unconscious at their posts. A few minutes later three convicted murderers dashed to the 30ft. prison wall and tried to scale it with an improvised ladder. But the 12th guard, who had given his coffee to a "trustee," saw the fugitives and telephoned to the other watch-towers. When he received no answer he sounded the general alarm, and the three prisoners were captured by other armed guards.

GERMAN KIDDIES FED ON HITLERISM

IT is difficult to gather a true picture of life in Germany today, but here is a careful survey compiled by an expert observer over the three months preceding the war.

"Germany has now become powerful enough to throw dirt at the greatest Power in the world."

This was the comment of a young Nazi Party leader with whom I discussed the European problem.

It was the undoubted effect of the campaign against British Imperialism—a campaign conducted in all countries, and the most popular of the Nazi Propaganda Department has staged for a long time.

It explains, too, much that is regarded as inexplicable in the Russo-German pact. The average German felt that Moscow, like Berlin, seemed to be able to snuff the British lion.

He might not favour the idea of relations with Russia, but he was ready to agree that a war with the Western Powers would not be nearly so unpopular as fighting against Russia.

Yet the fact remains that fear of war overshadowed every other problem.

During my tour of Germany I met only two people who were in favour of war: a Home Guard reporter. Both, significantly, were well over military age.

One, a doctor, explained that conditions were very favourable for Germany. America, he argued, was turning anti-Semitic. She would make war on England because England was governed by the Jews.

"Then we shall use the opportunity to settle our accounts," he added gleefully.

BUT among the middle-aged and younger men there was no enthusiasm. Hitler, they said, had gained all he set out for without war. Why, therefore, should it be necessary to fight England now?

In striking contrast was the military ardour and avid curiosity of the younger generation. While they are at school the children seem to be fairly keen Nazis, invariably their thoughts turn to the war machine. Anything to do with mechanics—guns, aeroplanes, tanks—arouse their interest.

The elder children—idolise Hitler. One 16-year-old girl complained that if war broke out she would be unable to join up.

"Just think of it," she cried. "The Führer will be in the front line, and I shall not be there to protect him with my own body."

The exploits of German troops and airmen in the Spanish civil war, of which glowing descriptions appeared in the Nazi press, failed to arouse enthusiasm among the German people.

They had been told how Hitler had tricked the London Non-Intervention Committee, and they gloated over the way in which Britain and France had been "done in."

But when the Condor Legion—picked Nazi troops sent out to fight for Franco—returned home, their welcome was more polite than enthusiastic. What interest they had in that war had evaporated.

AMONG close personal friends one heard many criticisms of Hitler and the Nazi regime. A journalist closely associated with public affairs said that the Nazis would never introduce a milder system of government or one which was prepared to give more personal liberty to the individual.

If the present tension eased, he said, the whole Nazi structure would collapse. "It would collapse anyhow unless the Nazis managed to score another victory over Germany's enemies."

The Germans do not notice the deterioration in the quality of their food so much as the foreign tourist. They have got used to an oily sort of butter, to bread like sawdust, to a chemical taste in pastry, biscuits and sweets.

A doctor reported that cancer was prevalent among young people as a result of eating chemical food. Food shortages and adulteration have had their effect in many cities. In Hamburg, for instance, I was told that anyone entering a shop with a "Heil Hitler" was sure to get less attention.

One woman said that she could not go shopping with her husband because he wore a Nazi badge. Invariably she was told that there were no eggs, margarine, potatoes, or coffee.

Austria, too, at the time of my visit was suffering from a shortage of essential foodstuffs. There was no end to the grubbing in Vienna stores, and in the market I was told of a housewife's revolt.

Finding their shopping baskets empty after many hours' search for goods, they shouted: "Look at them! Empty, thanks to our Führer!"

Police vans went out along, and the women bundled into them. They were driven about 16 miles into the country, pushed out into the road, and their money taken from them.

Then the vans drove off, leaving the poor creatures to make their way homeward without a penny.

THE nationalisation of industry has produced some strange results in Germany. It is not unusual for delivery of new motor-cars to be made two years after the order had been placed.

Nearly all German workers are tied to their jobs. They cannot leave without the consent of their employers and the labour exchanges. If they refuse to take work when and where it is offered they are liable to six months' imprisonment.

One result of this forced labour is that production is slowed down. A visit to Austria revealed how deeply the people resent the Prussian rule.

They lack the pride in Germany's power and greatness which all Germans share. While the latter feel that, to some extent at least, they have been released from the shackles of Versailles, the Austrians say that the shackles were fastened on them in March, 1938, when Hitler marched on Vienna.

Footnote.—There was a great lack of doctors in Vienna. I was told that of New Year's Night a number of women and babies in the maternity ward died because the doctors were drunk.

She Danced In Her Pantry

Fifteen-year-old Betty Stewart, stewardess-room maid, was dancing in the service pantry at an hotel in the Isle of Wight when a visitor walking through the kitchen said: "How would you like to do that in cabaret?"

The visitor was Captain W. H. Scott, commander for the night of the hotel cabaret.

So later Betty appeared with professional artists in dresses she had made herself.

During her four months at the hotel she saw many famous dancers at the cabaret and in her spare time took dancing lessons, practising her act in the service pantry.

Y'S MEN'S SPEAKER

Mr. Dang Kam-fai, leader of the Y.M.C.A. Service Unit at the Front, will relate some of his experiences to the Y's Men's Club at 111 on Thursday.

Madame Tabouis, Noted French Writer, Says—

HITLER WAS DOOMED BY VON RIBBENTROP

ALL FRANCE NOW FEELS THAT HITLER IS AT BAY. THIS FEELING HAS BEEN GROWING EVER SINCE THE FAILURE OF RIBBENTROP'S SECOND VISIT TO MOSCOW.

It is realised that Hitler will be beaten because he has virtually no military reserves to set against those of the Allies.

And even had Ribbentrop been able to obtain for his master a military alliance with Russia, Hitler would still have faced eventual defeat. But he could then at least have attempted—with some chance of temporary success—a large-scale offensive in the West.

Ribbentrop's failure is chiefly responsible for the optimism that is spreading like wildfire throughout France, from the humblest farmhouse, the usually sceptical bourgeois circles, to the always anxious financiers, and, amazingly enough, to Parliamentarians.

Before Ribbentrop's last visit to Moscow, French political observers were almost certain that the Soviet would not give the Reich military support against the democracies. This they gathered from repeated visits which the Russian Ambassador made to the Quai d'Orsay.

But proof of the Soviet's attitude was not obtained till the Russo-German conversation in the Kremlin on the night of September 27. Extraordinary precautions were taken that night to guard the ancient citadel of the Czars.

5-HOUR MONOLOGUE Captain Plotoukoff, of the Ogpu, was in charge of arrangements. Searchlights swept the sky incessantly.

Ribbentrop, accompanied by Count von Schulenberg, German Ambassador, arrived at 10 o'clock to begin the heavy task with which he had been charged. The "conversation" consisted mainly of a monologue by Ribbentrop lasting nearly five hours, in the course of which he coldly and severely criticised the Soviet Government for several infringements of agreements reached during his first visit.

Ribbentrop pointed out that Stalin had promised the Führer he would use only 25 Red divisions for the occupation of Poland, but the German forces had been faced by 104, as well as by 16 of the best armoured divisions in all Russia.

He pointed out also that the Soviet occupied much more territory than had been agreed upon, and when Stalin and Molotov a voluminous bundle of memoranda and decrees which the Führer wished them to sign.

RIBBENTROP'S ARGUMENTS The documents included agreements renewing those previously concluded, and new proposals for future industrial collaboration between the two countries, also numerous texts, all tending tacitly to make the Soviet consider herself more or less automatically bound to the Reich against the democracies. Ribbentrop pointed out that one of the war aims of the democracies—the reconstruction of Poland—was just as much a menace to Russia as to the Reich, and therefore the Kremlin was just as interested as the Wilhelmstrasse in crushing the democracies and ending the war as soon as possible.

PROPOSALS REJECTED Stalin and Molotov presented the Russian case the next day. They refused first to entertain Hitler's plan to have peace negotiations started by the Russian ambassadors in Paris and London.

They rejected all Germany's proposals for a joint German-Russian declaration, including strong threats of a Soviet-Nazi alliance should the democracies reject the peace offer. Molotov spoke to Ribbentrop like



Fritz Thyssen, head of huge Ruhr steel combine, who fled from Germany to Switzerland. Wealthiest man in Germany, he formerly was one of Hitler's leading supporters.

a superior to a subordinate. He did not give him the slightest satisfaction, even in the smallest detail.

For example, he refused to draw up a Russo-German protocol for the authorisation by Russia to Germany to occupy militarily for some time the area around Warsaw, which is eventually to be a so-called independent territory.

REFUSED TO SIGN He declared that documents were superfluous, and that in any case Russia would hand over to the Germans in that region of Europe "all the territory which the Soviet would not need or any longer needed for carrying out its international policy."

Stalin and Molotov refused to sign any—declared convention with the Reich. Foreign Minister, Nor was Ribbentrop able to obtain a definite reply regarding the military alliance, and he was obliged to ask the German Ambassador to send a written question regarding this to the Soviet Foreign Commissar.

Molotov, in his reply, sent a few hours later, emphasised that so long as the Democracies did not in an official text inform the Soviet Government that they intended to take back White Russia and the Ukraine in order to restore them to Poland, the Soviet would observe strict neutrality.

HEAVIEST BLOW That was the heaviest blow Ribbentrop had ever received in his diplomatic career.

In view of the present isolation of the Reich, this written reply from the Russian Government to the German Ambassador must have sounded like a death knell to the Wilhelmstrasse.

On his return to Berlin Ribbentrop had a violent dispute with the Führer, who held him responsible for the failure of his mission. Some people now hold that Ribbentrop's "twilight" hour had begun.

In any case Hitler is now isolated, and he can have no doubt about the real intentions of Stalin.

All the measures taken by the Baltic countries show that the Soviet has acquired the necessary means of defence on land and sea and in the air to prevent any German interference in that region.

Memel harbour even is now within range of Russian guns. Moreover, the Soviet has cut Germany out of the Black Sea, Rumania, and the Balkans.

That is why the Führer, who is in a state of great nervousness and great anxiety, signed a military decree which is to come into force on December 15.

This concerns the military occupation of Poland, which is to be ensured by an extraordinarily large German force, comprising two armoured divisions, nine regular infantry divisions, eight divisions now being trained, 28,000 S.S., 25,000 S.A., two divisions for Danzig and the Corridor, and 75,000 men of the Landsturm.

The last named are, it appears, to "carry out the economic exploitation of Poland by the Reich."

SPEAKER AT ROTARY Mr. Ellery Denison will be the speaker at to-morrow's meeting of the Rotary Club. His subject is "Chinese Air Post."

War Does Not Stop Book Reading

Books of all kinds, whether for recreation or information, continue in great demand in spite of war, according to Mr. W. C. Berwick Sayers, Chief Librarian of Croydon.

In the last war, Mr. Sayers points out in his annual report, the demand for books increased the longer the conflict lasted.

The reference library is more sensitive to current events. During the September crisis last year serious study at the Croydon Library practically ceased, but the mood passed quickly and was followed by a greatly increased interest in technical and other informative books.

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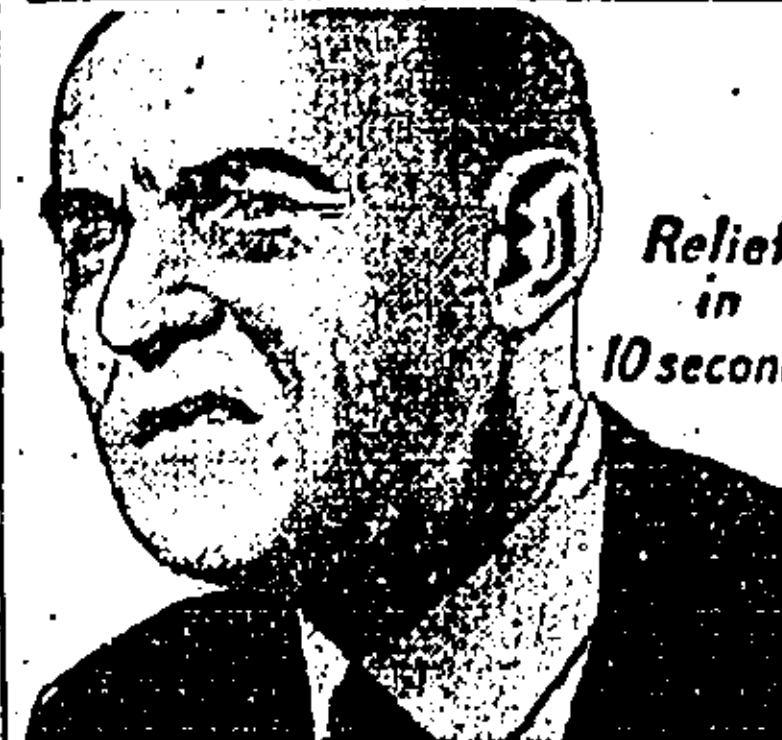
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SMALL-POX VACCINE

Successful Research By Japanese Doctor

Tokyo, Oct. 28. Engaged in research work at the Kitazato Infectious Diseases Research Institute, Dr. Kishiro Sukegawa has discovered a method of producing from hen and quail eggs a small-pox vaccine which is claimed to be superior to that being used to-day.

Dr. Sukegawa's discovery is believed to be the greatest advancement in the field of medical research since the great discovery in 1796 of the medical use of vaccine by Edward Jenner, the English doctor.

The new vaccine can be made available by heating either hen or quail eggs from about eight to ten days in a container having a temperature of 99 degrees centigrade and then injecting toxin into the membranes of the eggs.

The newly-discovered vaccine is reported to have the great advantage over vaccine obtained from calves in that it can be used for hypodermic injection, whereas calf vaccine cannot be used lest bacteria other than cowpox is accidentally introduced by the injection.

Dr. Sukegawa has devoted many years of patient study and investigation in this particular field of research. As far back as 1927, before the present stage of perfection was attained, Dr. Sukegawa proved the effectiveness of his discovery by experimenting on his son, then 19 years of age, as well as on over 3,000 other persons.—Domei.

Liner Uses Her Guns

Passengers On Board Watch Firing

A description of a practice shoot at sea by the six inch gun and three inch anti-aircraft gun on the stern of a British liner, during the voyage from Manila was given by passengers when they arrived here yesterday.

"In order not to alarm passengers, who might think an actual attack by submarine was taking place, we were notified the night before the practice that shooting would take place," passengers said.

A target consisting of two large ten chests was dropped overboard and two shots were fired at it at about 8 a.m.

The first shot from the six inch gun at a range of about 3,000 yards sent up a spout of water nearly 50 feet high close to the target. The second shot fell wider of the target, but as we understood it was controlled fire, accuracy of the shooting could not be judged even through glasses by onlookers," the passengers said.

The six inch gun shook the whole ship and could be heard and felt even in the engine room.

The anti-aircraft gun was fired at an angle of about 45 degrees into the sky, apparently at a cloud. A white puff appeared about two miles up as the shell exploded. The second shot aimed at the puff of smoke still floating high in the sky from the first, was a good one as another puff appeared very close to the first. We saw the puff of smoke from the exploded shell even before we heard the report of gun. This impressed upon us the speed at which the shells travel," passengers said.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued 12.30 p.m. Saturday says:

The enquiries noted in yesterday's report continued well in evidence during the morning. For a Saturday, the turnover might be regarded as moderately large.

Buyers
H.K. Bank \$1,305
Canton Inc. \$202½
Fires \$170
Docks \$18
Rauhs \$9.60
H. & S. Hotels \$4½
Lands \$32
Realities \$4.10
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Talks To Resume?

British Relations With Japan

Tokyo, Oct. 28. The British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, called on Mr. Masayuki Tani, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, at the Foreign Office yesterday afternoon.

It is understood that during the 40-minute interview the British Ambassador informed the Japanese official of the British Government's readiness to resume Anglo-Japanese negotiations for a settlement of the Tientsin issue.

Domei learns from authoritative sources that an agreement was reached in open negotiations both in London and Tokyo if necessary arrangements can be made.—Domei.

Significant Interview

Tokyo, Oct. 28. Japanese newspapers attach great significance to the interview between Sir Robert Craigie, and Mr. Tani, which they regard as the beginning of preliminary negotiations for a settlement of various pending questions between Japan and Britain.

The Nishi Nishi Shimbun understands that Admiral Nomura will negotiate with Britain and the United States separately even if the latter have common interests in China, for instance in connection with the navigation of the Yangtze River.

The Hochi Shimbun says that the Foreign Minister held conferences not only with the Premier, but also with the War Minister, the Navy Minister and the Finance Minister. The paper understands that the Foreign Minister in view of his recent consultations with important Cabinet Ministers, made important proposals before the Cabinet meeting on Friday regarding the proposed adjustment of relations with Britain and the United States.

Recalling the Foreign Minister's recent Press interview in which he reaffirmed Japan's determination to construct a East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere, the paper understands that the Government will reject any demands by third Powers tending to hamper the projected new order in East Asia.

Japan, however, has no intention to trample the rights and interests of third Powers in China nor has she any desire to suppress the legitimate activities of third-Power nationals in China. The Government, therefore, is ready to accept those American requests on Open Door and Equal Opportunity which are not calculated to obstruct the new order in East Asia.

In this connection the Government is even prepared to open the Yangtze and the Pearl Rivers to general shipping to the extent which will not prejudice necessary military operations.

With regard to the 1911 Treaty of Commerce and Navigation which expires on January 26 the Government is ready to enter into negotiations with America for its revision or for a new arrangement if the latter is prepared.

The paper understands that in his forthcoming interview with Mr. J. C. Grew, the Foreign Minister will assure Washington of Japan's readiness to adjust relations with the United States.

Should America, after the lapse of the 1911 Treaty of Commerce and Navigation, impose arms embargo and restrictive tariffs on Japan the Japanese Government will be obliged to take counter-measures.—Domei.

Ambassador Confident

Kobe, Oct. 29. Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, arrived here to-day from Tokyo. He was received by many prominent persons including Mr. A. R. Owens, the British Consul-General.

He told reporters that his present visit to Western Japan had no special significance. He did not think that the Anglo-Japanese parleys had completely broken down.

Sir Robert said that it would not be difficult to remove misunderstandings existing between Japan and Britain, while he believed that the Anglo-Japanese parleys would eventually be brought to a successful conclusion.

Ambassador Craigie is returning to Tokyo on Tuesday.—Domei.

LONDON NOT INFORMED

London, Oct. 28. Hitherto no report from Sir Robert Craigie has been received in London regarding the conversations with Mr. Tani.

The British Government is quite prepared to resume the conversation regarding Tientsin at any convenient moment. No fresh instructions on the issue have been sent to Sir Robert and if there have been conversations they were arranged in Tokyo.

As far as is known such conversations would have been confined to the Tientsin issue. Hitherto the talks have always taken place in Tokyo and while there may be diplomatic contacts on this subject in London there is no knowledge of any parallel conversations having been arranged.—Reuter.

More Carolinians Flying

COLUMBIA, S. C. (UP).—South Carolinians are becoming more and more air-minded, according to Dexter C. Martin, director of the state aeronautics commission. Martin based his opinion on a survey that showed the commission has licensed 341 pupils this year, compared with 219 in 1938—an increase of 54 per cent.

JUNKS PIRATED

Wireless From Waglan Saves Drifting Boat

A message from Waglan Light-house to the Water Police Station was responsible for the rescue of Kwok Cheung, master of an unlicensed cargo boat, after he had been pirated by Japanese sailors off Waglan, yesterday.

Kwok was drifting in his boat with all his cargo smashed when picked up by the No. 1 Police Launch and towed back to Hongkong. He said his cargo, consisting of garlic and eggs valued at \$1,350, was taken from him when he was called alongside a Japanese destroyer about four miles off Waglan.

He was turned adrift after his cargo had been smashed. Damage to the boat was about \$200.

PIRACY NEAR COLONY

Six men, armed with three daggers, a revolver and a rifle, took cargo valued at \$1,418 from a fishing boat on Saturday. The loot included pigs, wolfram ore, eggs, and 60 bags of rice.

Wong Chiu-kan, master of the boat, reported that a shot was fired and he was ordered to stop near Kwai Kin Tau. Two of his folk were assaulted during the robbery. His sails and rudder were damaged, and he was drifting for about two hours before being picked up by another junk.

JAPANESE ON WAR

Former Nazi Friendship Has Disappeared

The striking change in Japan's attitude to Britain following the declaration of war in Europe, was described by a Japanese resident, who returned here yesterday by steamer after a visit to his country.

"All the former feeling of friendship with Nazi Germany has completely disappeared and although Japan wants to be strictly neutral, the sympathy of the people is with the Allies," he said.

Manifestations of anti-British feeling had disappeared and people in all circles were eager to renew friendship with Great Britain, he pointed out.

"The trend of events is simply justifying the declaration by the former Consul-General, Mr. Tajiri that Hongkong would not be affected by the war," he said.

"The Japanese people want peace and an end to the hostilities in China as soon as possible. The Japanese Army losses in the fighting in Mongolia with the Russians were very large—much greater than the numbers revealed and to-day people in Japan are very nervous as to the Soviet's movements," he added.

The new Japanese cabinet was much more moderate than the former one and it was expected that every effort would be made to improve British and American relations. Hope for the success of talks with America, regarding the abrogation of the trade treaty with Japan were entertained and also for the resumption of talks with Great Britain regarding China.

"The strike of foreign office and consular officials over the appointment of a commercial attache from outside the foreign office was most successful and the matter has been completely smoothed over," he said.

DEATH

LARSON.—Mrs. Rose Richey Larson, of Peniel Mission, passed away at 8 a.m. Monday, Oct. 30th at the Matilda Hospital. Funeral will pass the Monument Tuesday, Oct. 31st, 11 a.m.

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THREE VIOLENT EXPLOSIONS IN QUICK SUCCESSION

"SHE STOOD ON HER BOW, TWIRLED SLOWLY ROUND, AND THEN PLUNGED STRAIGHT DOWN."

This was the climax to a dramatic story of the sinking of a tramp steamer, which Hongkong residents returning from leave were able to tell when a British liner arrived from England this morning.

A few of them were spectators of the sinking, which was the result of a submarine attack and which occurred with overwhelming swiftness.

Destroyers attacked the submarine and there was strong evidence that they sank her.

Among the Hongkong residents aboard the liner at the time of the sinking—several witnessed the disaster—were: Mr. C. R. Crampton, Chief Engineer in Butterfield and Swire's service, and his wife, Mr. J. Dew, Mr. A. P. Ferguson, Miss J. S. Faulds, Captain J. L. Gamble, Butterfield & Swire skipper, Mr. E. J. Keevil, Mr. H. C. Keech, Mr. H. B. Leney, Sub-Lt. May, R.N., and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. T. Tam.

"We left England on September 13 in a convoy of seven ships attended by two destroyers," a passenger told the "Hongkong Telegraph."

"We were later joined by two ships; one was a homeward-bound tanker, but she turned about, apparently preferring to travel back with our destroyers. We were three days out when we witnessed the sinking. It was in the early morning just before breakfast, when only a few of the passengers were on deck."

"The ship was a small homeward-bound tramp. She was crossing our bows about three miles ahead when there were three violent explosions in quick succession."

"We were not close enough to make out anything in detail, but we saw the ship's stern heave up sharply out of the water. It was as though the explosion had flung the stern bodily into the air. She stood on her bow, twirled slowly round, and then plunged straight down."

"Had to Jump For It"
"Those on board had no time to lower a boat; they just had to jump for it. It was really too quick for description."

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INDIAN CONTINGENT ARRIVES IN FRANCE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 30 (UP).—The first contingent of troops from India was landed in France.

An official announcement to this effect was released by the Ministry of Information this morning.

The troops proceeded from an undisclosed port in India by a convoy of troopships which were escorted by British warships. No losses whatever were sustained on the voyage, which proved incidentless.

The destination of the Indian forces is not divulged. The Ministry of the Indian forces is not divulged. The Ministry of the Indian forces is not divulged. The Ministry of the Indian forces is not divulged.

Meanwhile, the situation on the Western front, after Sunday's heavy



A arrow on map shows how the German army, in a drive through Hungary and Rumania, could menace Rumania's seventy-five-mile frontier.

Germany is reported to be putting pressure on Count Csaky, Hungary's Foreign Minister, to obtain full Hungarian co-operation against the Allies.

B arrows show how Bulgaria, if she sided with Germany would be threatened on three sides by Rumania, Turkey and Greece. Plans for an invasion of Bulgaria have already been drawn up. Turkish diplomatic circles believe Turkey is also sounding Jugo-Slav diplomats with the object of bringing Jugo-Slavia into the Balkan Peace Front.

Naval Escort Sinks German Submarine

Hongkong Man's Trip With Athenia Survivors

A GRIM description of an anxious crossing of the Atlantic with 80 survivors of the Athenia on board a 20,000-ton Canadian Pacific liner was given to a "Telegraph" representative to-day by Mr. William L. Alexander of Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, who has returned from leave at home.

"After their terrible experience the Athenia passengers, mostly American men, women and children, did not wish to revive their memory by talking," he said.

"They had no luggage and the party included one old woman of 70 who had been picked up from the sea unconscious. She said she did not remember much about the sinking. "One man with two children wore his life-belt all the time and I

"We sailed on September 10 on our seven day crossing, under convoy part of the voyage, with another big liner. The convoy consisted of a destroyer and a sloop carrying depth charges," he said.

"The voyage was very miserable as we all were advised to sleep with our clothes on. "After the naval convoy left, the liner zig-zagged all the time and went far north before they reached Montreal."

"Passengers saw the aurora borealis so clearly that it lit up the blacked-out ship. "There was a scare on board when one day the other liner left us and a rumour went round that she had

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TAXATION PROTESTS

Government To Set Up
Special Committee

THE "Telegraph" understands from authoritative sources that Government is appointing a Committee to examine the draft income tax proposals.

The Committee will comprise representatives of all classes of the Colony's populace, and will include both British and Chinese members. It is understood that among the functions of the proposed Committee will be examination of the scope of the proposed taxation; the methods of collection, etc.

It is believed that the Committee will also take cognisance of recent protests in the columns of the Press.

From other sources the "Telegraph" understands that the three Chinese members of the Legislative Council will place the views of the Chinese community before the Legislative Council when the Unofficials reply to the Budget at the next meeting.

In this connection, the "Telegraph" learns that the Chinese members recently requested, and obtained, the views of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, which has opposed the proposed taxation.

Confucianism To Be Revived

Leading Chinese Form
Organisation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CHUNGKING, Oct. 29 (UP).—An effort to revive Confucianism, which is considered essential in time of national disaster, prominent Chinese Government officials including Yu Yuen, President of the Control Yuan, Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, Tai Chuan-hsien, President of the Examination Yuan, Chen Li-fu, Minister of Education, and Ho Ying-chin, Minister of War, are organising an "Institute of Confucianism" with the object of studying and developing Confucian virtues.

The organisation will be established soon with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Lin Sen, as honorary presidents, and Dr. H. H. Kung as president.

AMERICAN DETAINED

SHOOTING SENSATION

"I Don't Like Tatoo
Police," He Said

SHANGHAI, Oct. 30 (UP).—The Municipal police have handed Mr. R. L. Herrmann of Highland Park, Michigan, and former employee of the Texas Oil Company to the custody of the United States Marshal, after Herrmann fired four shots at the puppet Tatoo police patrol in an extra-settlement road at 2.30 this morning. No one was injured.

Herrmann, after firing at the Tatoo police patrol from a taxi, proceeded to a Western District night-club where he terrified a number of customers by threatening them with his revolver.

Herrmann said he had shot several Tatoo policemen and also claimed that he had shot several Japanese; however, he denied the latter statement when he was placed in custody. He said that he had won 5,000 yuan in a nearby gambling house in the Japanese-controlled territory.

American authorities said that Herrmann admitted shooting at the police patrol "because I don't like them."

Rivers Not To Be Re-opened

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Oct. 30 (Domei).—Rumours that the Japanese Government had under contemplation the re-opening of the Yangtze and Pearl Rivers to free navigation by ships of third Powers were denied by the Japanese Foreign Office spokesman to-day.

The spokesman declared that the rumours were "mere speculation."

Daladier Visits Western Front

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Oct. 29 (UP).—M. Daladier returned to the War Ministry to-day after a two-day secret visit to the front. He was accompanied by General Decamp.

M. Daladier reported that the morale of troops is excellent despite the bad weather and the tremendous work of building fortifications. He expressed satisfaction over the fact that the economic life of the country is being maintained in a normal way.

RUSSIA'S DEMANDS

Not Impossible
Believes Finland

HELSINKI, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—While the strictest secrecy is maintained regarding the Soviet demands and the nature of the Finnish reply, general optimism prevails in Helsinki and there is a belief that an amicable settlement will be reached.

The reported statement by Stalin that the U.S.S.R. does not intend interference with the Scandinavian countries or encroachment of Finnish independence is received with great appreciation.

Meanwhile, Finland is leaving nothing to chance and continues to concentrate all her resources in readiness for any eventuality.

Reply To Russia

HELSINKI, Oct. 28 (UP).—The Cabinet completed their deliberations over the draft of the Finnish reply to Russia.

In the inner Cabinet, M. Erkkö, the special envoy; M. Tanner, the Minister of Finance; the Minister of Defense and the Premier studied the Russian proposals throughout the day.

The atmosphere was expectant and not unduly pessimistic. The city was completely blacked out to-night. There were also additional troop movements throughout the night, but the purpose could not be ascertained.

The populace is calm and has been prepared for any eventuality for many days.

Russian Troops In Latvia

MOSCOW, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—The first Soviet troops to enter Latvia arrived at a Latvian frontier town this morning.

The Soviet naval and air bases on the coast.

To Leave To-morrow

HELSINKI, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—The Finnish delegation is expected to leave on the third trip to Moscow on Tuesday.

They will take with them Finland's reply to the latest Russian proposals over the drafting of which the Cabinet had been busy over the week-end.

Party leaders were brought together to-day to hear details of the proposals.

Agreement was reached after two days of discussion between the Government and party leaders. The final text is now being drafted.

Reich-Latvian Agreement

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

RIGA, Oct. 29 (UP).—The first detachments of Soviet troops crossed the Latvian border en route to their bases to-day.

Meanwhile the Latvian-German resettlement agreement, which was initiated after three weeks' negotiation, is now being completed.

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R.A.F. MEN WILL WIN WAR OF AIR—EXPERT

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—An American correspondent who has been visiting the R.A.F. in France pays a high tribute to the personnel.

"They rather than their machines will win the day," he states. All are set and ready to move the moment there is any step towards the indiscriminate bombing threatened by Marshal Goering.

We Have Planes, Too

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—While the strength of the German air force is not under-estimated in London, it is stated that our rate of production of aircraft is fast outstripping Germany's present strength in the air.

In addition, the vast weight of manufactures in the Dominions will be thrown into the scale and with the probable repeal of the American

Arms Embargo, thousands of American planes will be made available to the Allies.

The Allies are equally confident on land and sea.

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Tax Your Neighbour?

The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir—Now that citizens have had plenty of time to put forward their pet taxes, it is to be hoped that they have not been grinding axes, that their own tax would not have hit somebody else very hard. It is necessary to question ourselves first. For so many of us think our neighbour's wage too high, profits exorbitant, way of life entirely wrong. Teetotallers are wont to advocate taxation of alcohol; non-smokers vote for a tobacco tax. Careful folks would place imposts on luxuries; play boys shout for the property tax. Citizens should explain methods of taxation that they are expounding, that is, the one which would hit them.

New Taxation

Sir—No complicated machinery would be required for the collection of any of the following taxes, which fall directly on those best able to pay.

- 1.—10 per cent. surcharge on the cost of all telegrams sent;
- 2.—double the "stamp duty" on all Assignments;
- 3.—20 per cent. on the winning of "Cash sweeps";
- 4.—10 per cent. on the winning of out of pari-mutuel bets;
- 5.—Double the duty on perfumes, cosmetics and similar luxuries;
- 6.—10 per cent. on all club and hotel bills;
- 7.—\$10 per annum on every telephone;
- 8.—\$100 per annum on every motor car, excluding taxis, buses and trucks;
- 9.—\$100 on every bathing shed in Hongkong and the mainland.

It is not difficult to estimate what any of the above will bring.

Rent Profiteers

Sir—I suggest that Government should tax the increases on rent to the full extent of such increase.

I have just been offered a flat at \$175 a month, the rent paid by the outgoing tenant being \$130.

Answers To Correspondents

Enquirer.—No name, no address, no publication.—Ed.

E.D.—Not allowed to publish names of ships.—Ed.

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W. MULCAHY,
Hon. Secretary.

Eastern Beat Navy 6-2

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rising shot, but Lau was not giving anything away and picked the ball from the left corner of the goal. O'Regan received from Heap to test Lau again, but Lau just managed to tip the ball over for a corner. From the resultant kick, a major in front of Eastern goal saw the lousiest head of Thorburn connect to open the scoring for the Navy.

Cheng then changed with Hsu and the change was felt very keenly by the Navy when this player led attack after attack on the Navy.

Thorburn was using his head to good advantage and Lau was kept quite busy clearing. Eastern gained the ascendancy for a few minutes when Hsu made a fine run down the line and sent in a very dangerous centre. Their anxiety to get the equaliser caused the Eastern forwards to be pulled up almost every time they attacked. Mr. Foster handled the game very well, but was not very popular with the Chinese supporters who failed to see the tactical "one back" play of the Navy.

EASTERN RALLY

EASTERN rallied and imperceptibly took the game from the hands of the Navy. The result was Robinson was called upon to save point blank shots from Hsu and Chung which he did in grand style. Hsu returned to the attack but attempted to dribble the goal and spoiled a fine chance of scoring.

FIRST REWARD

SHORTLY afterwards, Chung brought the crowd to its feet with a grand goal as could be seen. With Robinson sprawling on the ground after saving a hot shot from him, he followed up and sent it into the empty goalmouth. This put new life into them and they rallied attack after attack on the Navy area. Unchallenged, Hsu ran in with Chung and Thum in attendance, but he made the fatal mistake of passing to Chung and the referee blew offside.

The second half was as exciting a sequel as one could wish, and the few lapses of the Navy defence proved the turn of the table for them.

Hsu received from Lo and Robinson was called upon to save point blank again. It became almost a duel between Hsu and Robinson. At this stage a little unpleasantness was witnessed in the number of infringements, elbows being much in evidence and back charging.

Kong was a tower of strength and totally eclipsed Tsang, his speed, strong kicks and positioning spoiling many of the Navy's attacks. He brought his head to good use, now and again heading almost to midfield.

DEFENCE STRAIN

CHUNG now showed his mettle as Robinson soon found out. The ball bounced from his hands from a point blank shot from Chung but that did not inconvenience him from going full length to save the follow-up shot of Chung.

Roughly and Henon was feeling the strain, and were becoming slightly erratic in their passes with the consequence that an attack was hardly repulsed before the ball was back again.

Chung outmanoeuvred Robinson to score the Eastern's second goal from a rebound from Henon's foot. A convergence of Eastern players on the Navy's goalmouth resulted in a rebound adding another goal with Robinson unsighted. But Middleton showed that the Navy still had a sting when he caused Lau to save with his left hand from an angled shot.

Yee took the ball from the goal kick and tested Robinson who went full length. The ball was dribbling slowly into the goal when Henon made a gallant attempt to kick out, but Chung was there first and secured his hat trick.

At this period Coles suffered an injury to his left elbow, but resumed play to a burst of cheering.

Hsu centred and the ball hit the crossbar to rebound into play for Cheng to tap the ball in. Hsu culminated a flashy display by tricking Roughly, and, rounding him scored, with Robinson unsighted.

LAST EFFORT

UNDAUNTED the Navy strove for an upper hand and after a spirited attempt Middleton culminated a fine run with an equally fine goal. The last few minutes of the game saw the Eastern pressing and their efforts were rewarded with Cheng adding the sixth and final goal. The whistle blew with the Navy still trying.

Navy.—Robinson; Roughly, Henon; Heap, Hazard, Coles; Phillips, Allison, O'Regan, Thorburn, Middleton.
Eastern.—Lau Hin-hon; Kong Sing-king; Tsang Chung-wan; S. T. Lau, Cheng Ying-kuen, Lo Wai-kuen; Yee Hak-ling, Chung Kin-hai, Tham Joe-tak, Hsu King-sing, Hsu Ching-to.

"General Winter" Takes A Hand In War In Europe

BRITISH TROOPS DIG DOWN INTO SLUSH AND MUD

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, OCT. 29 (UP).—"GENERAL WINTER", ARCH-ENEMY OF BOTH THE GERMANS AND THE ALLIES, HAS OPENED HIS OFFENSIVE ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

On the Allied side of No-Man's Land, British troops are digging through frost and snow-covered slush in order to consolidate their positions in preparation for the anticipated Nazi push.

Heavy movements of aircraft behind the German lines, coupled with intensified patrol activity, are believed to be the prelude to the anticipated German attack.

HEAVIEST BARRAGE OF WAR

German front line batteries, including big guns which have so far not been used, hurled the heaviest barrage of the war against the French positions in front of the Maginot Line throughout last night.

The French immediately intensified their own fire along a 90-mile front from the Moselle to the Rhine.

The big guns roared throughout the day, the bombardments soon becoming the most severe duel the war has yet seen.

Judging from the fast tempo of the firing, the Germans used about 20,000 rounds of big shells in 24 hours. They have, however, made no impression on the French defences.

One source states that over a thousand planes are now in position along the French, Belgian and Dutch frontiers.

British Sector Quiet

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—This is the latest despatch from "Reuters" special correspondent with the British Expeditionary Force:

"There is still no sign of any German thrust against the sector of France's eastern frontier held by the B.E.F.
"No shot has been fired against the sector, and not one hostile plane has flown over the British lines.
"Nevertheless, the men holding the forward positions have been unusually alert and are ready to spring to arms at the first sign of enemy action."

"Their task is by no means easy. I have seen the troops, including the flower of the British Army, fighting the cold, mud, and digging and living in conditions of maximum severity as far as comforts are concerned."
"Protecting British Troops
LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—Employment of anti-aircraft guns for the protection of British concentrations of troops and planes in France is being pushed forward rapidly, says "Reuters" special correspondent with the Royal Air Force in France.

All this week, the Territorial Army gunners have been installing their armament in fields overlooking the Air Force secret aerodromes.

More than one Territorial Army anti-aircraft regiment has been sent out and others may come.

They will join up with those of the regular army.

Weather Becoming Worse
PARIS, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—A communique issued on Saturday states: "All quiet generally during the day."

"The weather on the Western Front is getting worse and worse. Snow has fallen in Vosges and the lower areas round the River Saar."

"Reports reaching here suggest that General Keitel is now Hitler's right-hand man in military affairs and is enjoying the fullest confidence."

"General Walther von Brauchitsch, the German Commander-in-Chief, is little more than a figure-head at the moment."

Rain, Snow And Fog
PARIS, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—Rain, snow and fog have brought activity on the Western Front practically to a standstill.

A military expert in France says that the front-line trenches and No-Man's Land are being rapidly turned into a bog.

For all that, he says, the French have been sending out small patrols. There has been some small local activity in which hand-to-hand fighting predominated.

The French have taken a number of German prisoners.

WOODBINES FOR THE TROOPS

LONDON, Oct. 29 (UP).—The War Office has announced that Lord Wolford has made a gift of £1,000 to the Overseas League Tobacco Fund to provide "smokes" for the British troops.

In an accompanying letter, Lord Wolford said: "I understand this will be sufficient to provide one million cigarettes."

Britain's RaidWarnings Criticised

Protest Follows Explanation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 29 (UP).—A protest against the apparent inadequacy of Britain's air raid warning system has been lodged in East Lothian.

The protest followed the British Air Minister's explanations in Parliament last Wednesday when he answered critics of two possible systems of warnings: firstly, to sound warnings in all districts over which approaching aircraft may pass, on all occasions, or, secondly, to sound warnings only when, in the judgment of the officer commanding, an aerial attack on the district in question is probable.

"The first alternative would result in frequent interruption of industrial activity, often without any real need," Sir Kingsley Wood explained. "The other involves an element of risk, but recent experience shows it is the right policy to adopt."

He further explained that the absence of a warning does not mean the air defences are not working—on the contrary, action against the enemy may proceed without any warning being sounded.

He expressed the opinion that local authorities in various districts are not competent to exercise their discretion to sound local warnings, even in the event of actual aerial activities, because the attacks change their nature and direction so rapidly that it is impossible for minor local authorities to have a comprehensive and continuous view of the situation such as that possessed by the Air Force Officer Commanding.



THE LITTLE CORPORAL TAKES CHARGE
—Sydney Daily Telegraph.

BRITISH CASUALTIES ARRIVE IN BLIGHTY

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—The first British ambulance train containing sick and accident cases arrived to-day at a country station near London.

Ambulances, which are converted coaches, each containing ten stretchers, waited outside the station and there were 50 to 60 stretchers on the platform with nurses standing by.

The more serious cases were wrapped in blankets and carried from the train by policemen and volunteer ambulance men.
Others still wearing battle uniform limped to the ambulances on sticks and crutches.
All the men were taken to a large hospital near the station.

Anniversary Of Turk Republic

ANKARA, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—The German Ambassador, Herr Franz von Papen, was a notable absentee at the celebrations to-day in connection with the 10th anniversary of the proclamation of the Turkish Republic.

Cities and towns all over Turkey were decorated for the occasion, and there were several military parades in Ankara.

President Inonu in the afternoon received the congratulations of the Government National Assembly and the Diplomatic Corps by the Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu.

BERLIN, Oct. 29 (UP).—The retiring Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Oshima, left for Tokyo to-day.

R.A.F. BATTLE THROUGH SNOW AND ICE OVER REICH

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—An epic story of the first Air Force reconnaissance over South Germany, carried out on Friday night in icy conditions, was told to a special "Reuter" correspondent who interviewed some fliers on their way home.

The correspondent says that the flight lasted several hours. Almost as soon as the planes crossed the frontier they ran into a blanket of fog and snow. The cold was so intense that some of the crews were sick. All were numb and were almost senseless.

Ice formed on the wings and the control wires had to be yanked free with stiffened fingers every few minutes.

The temperature at one period was 30 degrees below zero. Ice six inches thick collected on the cowling and the men's breath froze on their goggles. Nevertheless, all aircraft reached their objectives and completed their mission, apart from one which was forced to turn back shortly after crossing the frontier.

German Activity
LONDON, Oct. 29 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced last night that R.A.F. planes made further reconnaissance flights over certain areas of southern Germany. All aircraft returned safely.

It was also announced that one German plane was brought down near Dumfries (Scotland) during an air alarm there.

Later, an alarm was sounded in the Orkney Islands, when a German plane was seen flying low. It was chased off.

There was considerable aerial activity during the forenoon at various centres in south-eastern Scotland. It is reported that the noise of the planes was easily heard, but none were seen due to the hazy condition of the weather.

Tribute To French C-in-C. Greatest Authority Since Napoleon

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—Captain Liddell Hart, the noted British military writer, contributed an article in the "Times" in which he pays tribute to General Gamelin, the French Commander-in-Chief.

General Gamelin, the writer says, exercises an authority greater than has been given any Frenchman since Napoleon.

When he commanded a division in the last war, he was distinguished for his use of fire-power to conserve manpower.

After the war, he developed the mobility of the French Army. He is calm of temperament and can unravel the most complicated of issues.

He appeals to soldiers by his reticence and to politicians by his lively intelligence.

Smart Work By European

Mr. F. T. Hunt was on the top floor verandah of 385 Prince Edward Road on Saturday when he saw a man going into the backyard of 148 Boundary Street, and emerge with a cotton jacket.

Mr. Hunt left his house, chased after the man and arrested him. As a sequel, Chan Ah-lai, 40, was charged with theft before Mr. Hims-worth at Kowloon Magistrate's to-day and was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

Det-Sergeant Dowman prosecuted.

Reports Denied

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Oct. 30 (Domel).—The spokesman of the Foreign Office has denied reports that the Japanese Government is planning to open negotiations with Britain or the United States for the settlement of pending questions.

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| | There'll Always Be An England. | V. H. Hildesley's 8 Royal Mastersingers. |
| F1497—Trumpeter | Funicula Funicula. (Denza). | Victor Silvester's Harmony Music. |
| F1492—Funicula Funicula. (Denza). | Poem. (Fibich) | New Old Fashioned Party Dance. |
| 5586—Boomp-A-Daisy. | Picture Girl. | Sydney Kyle & His Band. |
| 5577—Handsome Territorial. | We've Come A Long Way Together. | F.T. |
| F1480—My Prayer. | I Didn't Care | Leslie Hutchinson. |
| F1485—Only When You're In My Arms. | I Get Along Without You Very Well. | |
| F1484—Fox-Trot Medley. | Piano Solo with Drums. | |
| F1483—Corligan Hop. | Walls Medley. (For Dancing in Strict Tempo) | Billy Thorburn. |
| F1482—Ain't Cha Comin' Out? | Handsome Territorial. | Nat Gonella & His Georgians. |
| F1480—Boomp-A-Daisy. | Handsome Territorial. | etc., etc., etc. |

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CITY OF FLINT

AMERICANS ANNOYED

Alleged Obstruction By The Soviet

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (UP).—The United States Ambassador to Moscow has again reported that he is unable to make telephone connections with United States officials at Murmansk regarding the City of Flint.

The Russian authorities have again assured him that the crew are all well.

Still At Murmansk

Mr. Alexander C. Kirk, the American Charge d'Affaires at Berlin, has also reported that the Ministry of Marine has advised him that the Americans are still aboard the City of Flint, which has not yet sailed from Murmansk.

These reports have accentuated official irritation here regarding what is considered to be Russia's apparent obstruction of the United States officials' efforts to communicate with the crew of the captured ship.

State Department's Complaint

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (Reuter).—That Russia withheld information in connection with the City of Flint case and failed to co-operate is part of a strong complaint against Moscow by the State Department.

Even on Saturday night, says the State Department, they were not told if the City of Flint had actually left Murmansk.

By such an attitude, the Soviet's professional attitude is open to serious criticism.

It was within an hour or two of the State Department's announcement that the official Russian news agency "Tass" stated that the City of Flint had left Murmansk.

The correspondence under International Law, it is pointed out here, when a merchantman is brought into a neutral port with a prize crew aboard, is for the neutral country not to intern the prize crew, only if the vessel was forced into port because of bad weather, lack of provisions or necessity for repairs.

Otherwise the neutral country must intern the prize crew and return the vessel.

Only An After-Thought

In this case, the German prize crew could give no reasonable grounds for entering Murmansk and were interned.

However, they claimed that the ship's machinery was in need of repairs and they were released.

However, this step was only an after-thought and Washington's view is that it was the Soviet's clear duty to hand the ship back to the American crew.

Washington White Paper

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Oct. 29 (UP).—Officials have not yet received the United States white paper regarding the City of Flint; however, the "United Press" read extracts which the officials described as "interesting" and added that it was impossible to comment further until they had studied the full text.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Office informed the United States Embassy that they lacked information regarding the City of Flint but did not confirm that the vessel had left Murmansk.

Naval officials stressed that if she had departed, her speed is only seven knots per hour and it would require seven days to reach Germany.

Sale Of Chinese Jewellery

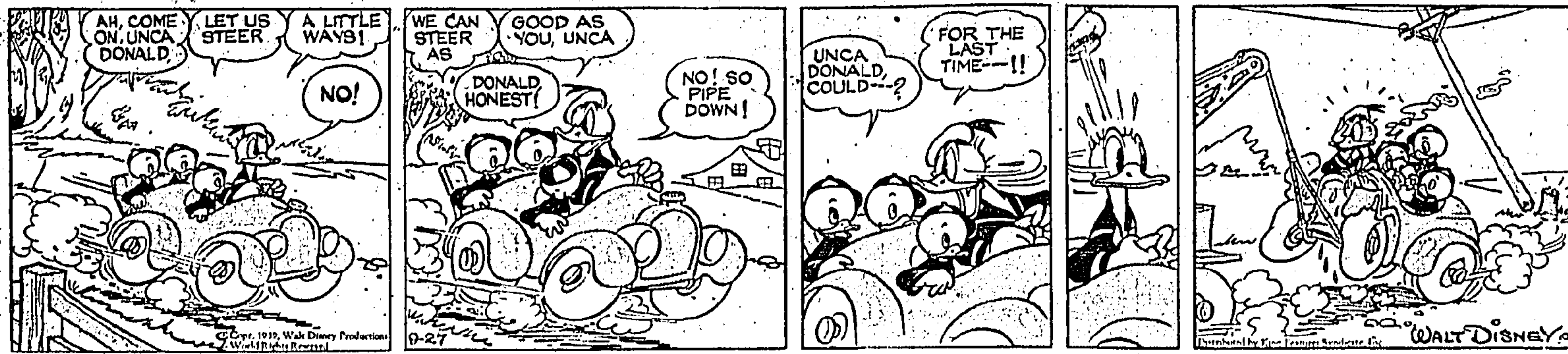
NEW YORK, Oct. 29 (Central).—In the first day's sale of Chinese jewellery at Lord and Taylor's here, a sum of more than US\$7,000 was realised.

The sale was jointly sponsored by Madame Chiang Kai-shek and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. The proceeds of the sale will be devoted entirely to the relief of Chinese wartime victims.

During the first day of the sale, many Chinese and American ladies were present at the bazaar lending their help, including Mrs. Lin Yutang and Miss Dorothy Thompson.

Already the sale has evoked much interest in fashion circles here, and the event has the double significance of helping China's wartime child refugees as well as promoting Chinese-styled jewellery.

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R.A.F. IS READY TO RETALIATE

Immediate Reply To
Goering's Threat

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—Despatches from the Western Front show that the Allied forces, and in particular the R.A.F., are fully prepared to resist any intensification of the war in the air, as was threatened by Marshal Goering, the Nazi Air Minister, in his recent speech.

A message from a B.B.C. observer with the R.A.F. in France says: "If all attacks by Germany lead to indiscriminate bombing, there is no doubt that the Allied Air Forces will retaliate, and they are all prepared to do so."

Judicious Flights
"British planes so far have carried out no actual attacks on Germany for fear of killing civilians."

"In order to leave no doubt of this, R.A.F. planes on their flights over Germany carried no bombs."

"The R.A.F. could have attacked many quite legal military objectives, but they knew that this could not have been done without killing and injuring some civilians, and so they held their hand."

"So far as is possible at this stage to draw conclusions, our planes have given better performances than the German machines, and are more suited to the strain of war conditions."

"Our pilots have shown themselves more determined and skilful in pressing home 'attacks' against strong defence."

"This indicates, apart from the question of morale, that they are better trained."

Ready For Action
LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—Several London newspaper correspondents in France send despatches saying that the R.A.F. is ready for instant action.

Neither the R.A.F. nor the German Air Force has any planes which will be wasted, says one Press report.

SIEGFRIED: CAN IT HOLD OUT?

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cent reports that it is precisely here that the French are making their greatest efforts at the moment.

IMPORTANT APPROACH
Cutting through the very heart of the Ardennes region, the Moselle gorge, notwithstanding its meandering course, has from time immemorial been recognised as one of the most important avenues of approach through the mountain barrier into France from the north. So it is not surprising that in 1914 it served as the main line of communication of one of the invading German armies, nor should it be cause for wonderment that to-day the French are attacking along that axis. The French moved rapidly up to the line of the Saar River, a tributary of the Moselle that flows northwest past Saarbrücken to join the Moselle just south of Trier. East of Saarbrücken, they succeeded in getting a foothold north of the stream. Successful exploitation of a crossing at Saarbrücken will force the Germans to evacuate positions on the north bank of the Saar west of that town, and leave no important natural east-west barrier in front of the French. This line must be carried before any deep advance can be made down the Moselle.

It can therefore be safely assumed that the south bank of the Saar River is included in the Siegfried Line, organised as an outpost and designed for use in defensive operations to delay the advance of the French up to the Saar River. The main positions here can likewise be assumed as lying north of the river. This appears borne out by the recent actions, the French encountering heavier resistance and counter-attacks on coming up to that line. Meanwhile the Germans are reported to have lost no time in launching counter-attacks also against the

FIVE RAIDERS SAID LOOSE IN ATLANTIC

PARIS, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—Five German raiders appear to be operating in North and South Atlantic, according to the military correspondent of the "Intransigeant."

This correspondent says that from incomplete evidence, the raiders are reported to be two pocket battleships, the Deutschland and the Admiral von Scheer, and three other vessels, the Westphalen, Friesland and Ostmark, which before the war were supply ships for German South Atlantic plane services.

Another raider, the Schwabenland, is reported to have sunk the steamer Clement and was sunk herself a few days afterwards by British cruisers.

The British Admiralty has confirmed that the Clement was sunk by the Deutschland.

MEMORIAL PLAYGROUNDS Government To Go Ahead With Scheme

OWING to pressure of work upon the Public Works Department since the war, the \$158,368 King George V Memorial Playgrounds, revised plans for which are now awaiting the Governor's approval, will be constructed by private contractors, the Telegraph understands.

Detailed plans have been prepared by the architects Messrs. Palmer and Turner, for the Jordan Road corner site in Kowloon, but detailed plans have not yet been prepared for the Victoria site at the old Government Civil Hospital.

It is understood that, despite the war, every effort will be made to push ahead with the construction of the Kowloon site.

Both the areas adjoin closely congested playing fields will benefit the Chinese population alone. The decision to build the playing fields was made about three years ago, and the money was collected by public subscription.

The plans for the Kowloon site include the construction of a striking memorial entrance gate in Chinese style, a commodious pavilion and pergola. The Victoria site will have a large children's paddling pool and a basketball ground in addition to swings and see-saws.

penetration made by the French down the Moselle between neutral Luxembourg and the Saar, from which it can properly be deduced that the Germans consider it of great importance. The junction of the Moselle and Saar Rivers, south of Trier, will almost certainly be found very heavily fortified, as will the ridges between the numerous loops of the meandering Moselle that command the stream and the valley.

WAR OF TRENCHES

Assuming continuance of the neutral status quo in Belgium and Luxembourg, it is too much to suppose a renewal of the last war's experiences—an end to the war movement for four years, and the war of the trenches instead?

If the Siegfried Line can prevent a rupture into Germany, if Belgium and Luxembourg remain uninvolved, and if Germany does not collapse internally, the Allies may find themselves compelled to force Italy into the open as a belligerent to enable them to strike through northern Italy into Germany's new province of Austria—an operation performed on more than one occasion by French armies with some success in Napoleon's time and with which every French officer is intimately familiar by study.

WAR IN CHINA

JAPANESE OFFENSIVE

Increased Activity In
North Hunan

INCREASED Japanese activities on the north Hunan front during the week-end have been reported by "Central News." Several attempts to storm Chinese positions near Kengkou, north of the Sinsiang River, were made by strong units of the invading force.

Screened by heavy artillery barrages, these attacks were concentrated on the Chinese defence lines.

All attempts, it is reported, failed because of the withering fire from Chinese machine guns. Along the Yoyang-Sinsiang highway, fighting broke out at Kuochenshih, Sinsiang, Chinkang, and many other points. Casualties were heavy on both sides.

Flank Attack

While the Chinese were holding their stronghold north of the Sinsiang River, two Chinese flying columns flanked the Japanese wings and made an attack on the outskirts of Yoyang by way of Nantang and Kuochenshih. Fighting was particularly heavy near Nantang.

A report from Pingkiang states that Chinese artillery emplacements on the Kiangling front heavily shelled the Japanese forces at Tungcheng on the South Huph border early yesterday morning. Two Japanese ammunition magazines were blown up and the Chinese barrage, which started several large fires inside the city.

After a long lull, the Japanese south-east of Kuwo, in South Shansi, launched an attack on the Chinese positions north-east of Kinsien last Friday, but were beaten back by the Chinese defenders with heavy losses.

Japanese Beleaguered

On the Antsieh sector, north-east of Linfen, over 1,000 Japanese are beleaguered by the Chinese at Peipingchen. Chinese artillery units have been pounding at the town and foot soldiers have charged the enemy positions, slaying many Japanese.

The latest military reports from the Loyang front reveal that Yitaitow, a strategic point south-east of Puhlsen in West Shansi, which has changed hands several times, has again been recaptured by the Chinese. These same reports admit that a Japanese detachment from Sinsiang has succeeded in breaking through the Chinese cordon and has pushed westward to Kihlsen. However, it is claimed, the detachment has been encircled by the Chinese at a point near Kihlsen.

Laiwu Falls

In Shantung, over 3,000 Japanese troops succeeded in capturing Laiwu in their drive last week. The Chinese forces, reinforced, later staged a counter-offensive and recaptured the city.

A Japanese troop train struck a mine laid by Chinese units in the vicinity of Yehchihkang, east of Lanfeng, on the Lunghang Railway a few days ago. The locomotive was blown up and the coaches derailed. Taking advantage of this, Chinese mobile units lying in ambush nearby attacked the Japanese, inflicting over 200 casualties.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 28 (UP).—A heavy storm off the Isle of Moen is driving live mines ashore. Ten were stranded to-day. The storm is hampering shipping.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1 (By Air Mail).—"Consul General Davis and staff arrived in Berlin."

This telegram to the U.S. State Department in Washington from the American Consulate in Berlin closes another chapter in the amazing careers of two American diplomats who are well-known in Hongkong and the Far East. For the American Consul General in devastated Warsaw, Mr. John K. Davis, was formerly stationed in the Far East for many years.

With him was Mr. Douglas Jenkins, Jr., son of a former U.S. Consul General in Hongkong (Mr. Douglas Jenkins Sr., left here to take up a new appointment in Berlin four years ago—Ed.), and also at one time himself attached to the U.S. Consular Service in the Far East.

Both Mr. Davis and Mr. Douglas Jenkins, Jr. have wide circles of friends in the British colony.

Under Fire In Warsaw
For more than two weeks Mr. Davis and Mr. Jenkins were under fire in Warsaw. Aerial bombs rained about them. They saw the bombing of an adjacent building in which 50 fatalities were found.

The Polish Government had left and the U.S. Embassy with it, but the consulate men had remained behind. They abandoned their own building and took over the American Embassy, which had a more secure cellar as a refuge during air raids.

After nearly 20 days of siege, by arrangement with the Germans, the Americans and other foreigners in Warsaw were permitted to leave.

Saw War In East

Neither Mr. Davis nor Mr. Jenkins are strangers to warfare. Mr. Davis was stationed in besieged Nanking just before it fell to the Japanese in December, 1937. He was on Secony Hill there when the Japanese aerial bombardment claimed several foreign lives.

Mr. Douglas Jenkins, Jr. was also in Nanking, and was there when the Japanese entered and sacked the city. After leaving China Mr. Davis was assigned to London, from where he proceeded to Seoul and Vancouver. He only recently went to Warsaw, and will probably return to the Far East in the near future.

Mr. Douglas Jenkins, Sr. who was appointed U.S. Consul General in Berlin after leaving Hongkong, is now U.S. Minister to Bolivia.

Ether Duel

"Freedom" Radio Is Jammed By Nazis

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—Another duel took place to-day in Germany between the anti-Hitler "Freedom" station and Nazi radio jammers.

Five minutes after the "Freedom" broadcast started, jammers got to work. The station changed its frequency several times and jammers followed the change almost immediately.

Appeal To Catholics
However, listeners could get a gist of the announcer's words. He said the Nazis had been dealt a severe blow by the American repeal of the Arms Embargo. He also referred to the Papal Encyclical and urged Roman Catholics in Germany to rise against Hitler (as he has repeatedly urged in the last few days).

The announcer said that a prominent German Catholic leader had been executed in a Nazi concentration camp.

S.M.C. To Meet On Wednesday

CHUNGKING, Oct. 30 (Central).—The Shanghai Municipal Council will meet on November 1 to discuss the extra-settlement road issue and to decide on a proposal to be forwarded to the bogus regime.

UNLIKE Germans, Britons throughout the world are allowed full liberty with regard to world-wide broadcast listening.

There are no restrictions whatever on listening to any station. In the House of Commons recently, the Premier said that the Government did not intend to restrict even listening to the German broadcasts.

As is well-known, Germans are forbidden, under penalty of death, to listen to broadcasts from Britain, France or even from neutral countries.

Because Hongkong listeners freely take advantage of the lack of restrictions, and because of the great interest in world-wide broadcasting at the present time, the "Telegraph" has compiled the following list of broadcast schedules. Readers should clip out this list for ready reference.

All times throughout are Hongkong Standard Time, which is eight hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time or seven hours ahead of British Summer Time.

Daventry News

News Bulletins from Daventry, of course, lead the popular choice. Fifteen news bulletins in English and nineteen in foreign languages are broadcast in the B.B.C.'s short wave programmes at the following times each day (H.K.T.), supplemented by news, if any, being given at the beginning of each transmission and at clock hours:

ENGLISH

Transmission 1.—Full bulletin at 2.15 p.m. and 5 p.m. News summary at 4 p.m.

Transmissions 2 and 3.—Full bulletin at 7.30 p.m., 9.15 p.m. and midnight. News summaries at 6.45 p.m.

Transmission 4.—Full bulletins at 1.30 a.m. and 5.45 a.m. News summaries at 3 a.m. and 4.50 a.m.

Transmission 5.—Full bulletin at 8.30 a.m. News summary at 7.30 a.m.

Transmission 6.—Full bulletin at midday. News summary at 10.45 a.m.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Afrikaans.—12.30 a.m. and 2.45 a.m.

French.—8.15 p.m., 3.15 a.m., 7.45 a.m.

German.—8.30 p.m., 3.30 a.m., 5.15 a.m.

Italian.—8.45 p.m. and 2.30 a.m.

Portuguese.—9 p.m., 6.30 a.m., 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.

Spanish.—10 p.m., 6.15 a.m., 9.7 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Frequencies And Wavelengths

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1.57 m.c.—6.15 p.m.

GSD 11.75 Mc/s (25.53 m.) Australia

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12.30 Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Selections from the Films.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Chopin—Concerto No. 1 in E Minor, Op. 11.

6.0 "For The Children."

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Terence Casey at the Organ.

6.45 Dance Music and Variety with Michael Moore, Sydney Gustard, Dinah Miller and Others.

6.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Saxophone Solo.

8.20 Studio—Hal Lorenzo (Piano) and Toby Gray (Piano-Accordion) in a Jazz Recital.

8.50 Victor Silvester and His Orchestra.

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—The News.

9.30 A Request Classical Programme.

11.0 Close down.

GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.) Africa

GSV 17.91 Mc/s (16.84 m.) Far East

GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.80 m.) Canada and North America

TRANSMISSION 4
1.22 a.m.—4.30 a.m.

GSI 15.26 Mc/s (19.60 m.) East Africa and Near East

GSD 11.75 Mc/s (25.53 m.) Africa

GSC 9.58 Mc/s (31.32 m.) Africa

GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.80 m.) Africa (to 6.30 p.m.); Canada and North America (from 9.35 p.m.)

GSE 11.80 Mc/s (25.20 m.) Far East and New Zealand

GSC 9.58 Mc/s (31.32 m.) Africa

GSP 15.31 Mc/s (19.60 m.) Canada and North America

GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.) South America

GSD 11.75 Mc/s (25.53 m.) India, Malaya, Australia, and New Zealand

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GSH 9.51 Mc/s (31.55 m.) W. Indies, India, and Malaya
GSD 9.51 Mc/s (31.55 m.) South America

Manila Stations

In Hongkong, the Manila stations, because of their strength, are next in popularity with listeners. Following are details of the four principal Manila stations, all of which can be heard quite well in the Colony.
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KZRH Long 385 M.—700 Kc. c. Short 48.00 Kc.—6140 Kc. c.
KZRH Long 405 m.—618.5 Kc. Short 31.35 m.—670 Kc. c.
KZRH W. 333.5 M.; 900 Kc. S. W. 31.68 M.; 9200 Kc. S.W. 49.03 M.; 6040 Kc.

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DEATH

LARSON.—Mrs. Rose Richey Larson,
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the Matilda Hospital. Funeral
will pass the Monument Tuesday,
Oct. 31st, 11 a.m.

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Seeds Of Defeat

THOSE who oppose the expansion
of German nationalism and
National Socialist racialism
may be encouraged by the firm
start of the Allied plan to end
Nazism and the rejection of
Hitler's peace moves. But they
can find more lasting grounds
for encouragement in the pages
of "Mein Kampf." For instance:
"The lack of a great,
new, creative idea means at all
times a limitation of the fighting
power." Herr Hitler is right.
In the long run it is
ideas which prevail. And the
lack of ideas limits power.

Where is such lack most
evident to-day? The author of
"Mein Kampf" says the secret
of the French Revolution's success
was a great, new idea. And
history tells of the remarkable
military results of that idea
when France's neighbours attacked.
They even carried over
into Napoleon's counter attack.
But it was an idea of freedom,
not of conquest and oppression
of other peoples. And ultimately
it did not support Napoleonic
ambitions.

If National Socialism had a
creative idea, it applied to internal
unity and revival. In so
far as it gave Germans a new
sense of self-respect, assurance
and freedom from war penalties
it operated powerfully. But how
far beyond that can it carry?
Can it be turned into an instrument
for nationalistic conquest
and the domination of other
peoples? Its most dynamic concept
is one of race, and that is
self-limiting. The inclusion of
other races (declared inferior
and unmixable) contains the
seeds of defeat for any such
idea.

In a struggle of ideas democracy's
concepts are by National
Socialism's own tenets on firmer
ground. They are supported
also by the natural idea of self-
defence and defence of liberty,
home, and family. But this is
much more than an ideological
struggle. Other ideas challenged
by National Socialism are
those which look to a peaceful
world order and the co-
operation of many races and
nations in the building of a
higher civilisation. As against
them any concept of narrow
nationalism must mean "a
limitation of fighting power."

Beating the U-Boats

GERMANY is waging intense
submarine warfare in an
attempt to blockade Britain's
coasts. The Athenia was sunk
without warning. A number of
other merchant ships have been
destroyed. That is one side of
the picture.

Now look at the other side.
The liner Arandora Star, steam-
ing at full speed on a zig-zag
course, outwitted nine U-boats
in the Atlantic and reached port
in safety.

It should be remembered that a
vessel can outdistance a submerged
submarine by steaming at 10 knots or
more. True, a speed of about 20
knots is needed to elude a submarine
on the surface, but the U-boats dare
not remain long above water.

The Prime Minister has disclosed
that the U-boats are constantly at-
tacked and that successes have been
achieved. There will be more suc-
cesses. You may not hear of them.
Germany will be left to find out in-
stead that one after another of the
trade routes has been made safe for
peaceful shipping. Remember, too,
that submarines cannot be repaired as
quickly as guns and airplanes.

What may prove to be the death-
knell of the U-boat as a major weapon
of naval warfare is the rapid
development of the airplane since
1918. A submarine has no effective
way of attacking an airplane and
only one means of defence—its ballast
tanks. But even submergence is only
a partial defence, for an airplane
zooming at 300 miles an hour or more
can reach the submarine and bomb
it before there is time to dive.

Even after the submarine has
dived successfully, an airplane can
spot it at a considerable depth in
reasonably clear water and can well
vise nearby destroyers and submarine
chasers.

It is a terrifying experience for a
U-boat commander and his men
when a submarine chaser gets within
of her whereabouts and begins to
drop depth charges. The submarine
submerges as deeply as it can with
safety and begins to run the gauntlet.

The U-boat moves dead slow, with
the boom of exploding depth charges
all around. The submarine rocks and
rolls and cavers with each concus-
sion. A close explosion spins the
boat completely around and men are
thrown off their feet.

Still more to be dreaded is a sub-
marine net, fortified with mines and
guarded by surface vessels. The
U-boat which is careless or unlucky
enough to become entangled will
stand no more chance than a fly in
a spider's web. Even if the sub-
marine is not destroyed by mines or
depth charges, it may be unable to
clear the obstruction before the air
supply is exhausted.

Finally, there is the constant nat-
ural danger of hidden rocks, which
are often unknown to chart makers
and are quite harmless so far as
ordinary surface shipping is concern-
ed. But the U-boat, gliding slowly,
almost noiselessly, along the sea bed
at a depth of perhaps 130 feet, may
run an unsuspected cargo which rises
starkly from the ocean floor.

One of the most important methods
of combating the submarine menace
is the convoy system, the escorting of
groups of merchant vessels by a ring
of warships, which not only fight off
the undersea raiders but are at hand
to help in rescue work if the defence
is penetrated.

The convoy system was not estab-
lished efficiently until the latter half
of the last war, but this time the
Admiralty has been prepared from
the outset.

Picture the mixed feelings of a
U-boat commander as the crisis-
crossed mirror of his periscope re-
flects a forest of masts and funnels
moving across the horizon. He has
a splendid choice of targets, but his
danger is increased correspondingly.

To dive beneath the outer ring of
warships and bring the periscope to
the surface again before aiming at a
merchantman is a hazardous busi-
ness, calling for mathematical ac-
curacy, personal courage and perfect
co-operation with the engine room
staff. Then, after firing a torpedo,
the submarine must dive deeply and
creep away under the escort vessels,
which by this time will be searching
for it and dropping depth charges.

Captain Ernst Hashagen, U-boat
ace of the last war, commanded U-30.
He has described with dramatic sim-
plicity what it means to serve in a
U-boat, hunting merchant ships and
dodging mines, nets and hostile war-
ships. Here is Captain Hashagen's
description of life in a U-boat which
is moving its way cautiously along
30ft. below the surface.

"It is night-time and U-30 is asleep
in the control room. The officer of
this is the man controlling the depth
manometer; on the other side, the
helmsman. In the engine room all is
quiet. We are travelling dead slow.
Nearly all the engine room staff are
asleep.

"In my cabin I take up a book
before going to sleep. By a coin-
cidence it is 'Twenty Thousand Leagues
Under the Sea.' Captain Nemo's
adventures were the wildest fantasy
of Jules Verne's imagination. To-
night I am reading them—and living
them in stark reality.

"Now I am dropping off to sleep.
My book falls from my hands. But
although my eyes are closed, I can-
not sleep, for to my trained ears
come all the weird noises of the
heart of the ocean. A big fish swims
by with a swishing sound. Then I
hear a distant boom like an echo
from far off; that is a gun or a depth
charge exploding. Sound travels a
long way under the sea.

"At last I sleep."

Sometimes what appears to be a
harmless tramp steamer is really a
Q ship, an armed vessel disguised as
a decoy to lure submarines within
range of its guns. Capt. Hashagen
was more fortunate than many a
U-boat skipper in the following en-
counter with a Q ship.

"It was still dark when my ser-
vant awoke me. I pulled on my
leather jacket, climbed the iron lad-
der to the conning-tower, and gave
the order to surface.

"There was nothing in sight, so we
had coffee and cigarettes. The first
grey light of morning showed that
we were alone on the ocean. The
sky was clear and all looked quiet.

"At 11.30 a.m. a funnel and two
masts were sighted straight over our
bows. I watched them approach for
a few minutes. Suddenly they dis-
appeared. Five minutes later the
funnel and masts came into view
again, but after another five minutes
they vanished once more. I knew
that the ship was zig-zagging across
the ocean. After true direction was
towards me, however, so I submerged
and moved slowly to meet the
stranger. As she came nearer, the
periscope showed me a black freighter
of about 2,000 tons.

"For some time I kept close to the
ship, uncertain whether to attack
her. As long as she continued to
zig-zag, the chances were against my
hitting her with a torpedo. But at
230 yards, the freighter swung right
into the centre of my torpedo sights.

"I gave the command 'Los.' The
petty officer standing next to me in
the conning tower pressed the electric
button. U-30 quivered as a torpedo
left the tube and bored through the
water. Ten seconds later my boat
gave a heavy lurch as the torpedo hit
the vessel's stern. There was a
deafening roar as her boilers ex-
ploded. Then all was quiet again.

"I raced the submarine a few hun-
dred yards farther away. Then I
died another look through the peri-
scope. What I saw amazed me.
The defenceless tramp had been
completely transformed. She bristled
with guns and the decks were clear-
ed for action.

"Very slowly, very cautiously, I
brought U-30 closer to have a better
view of this phenomenon. Immediately
my periscope in view. Instantly
there was a fusillade of shells all
round me. But my torpedo had
done its work. The Q ship in two, and 20
minutes later I saw the crew taking
to the boats."

The U-boats which Germany has
built in recent years are capable of
operating anywhere in the Atlantic
or Mediterranean, but if the Ger-
mans should succeed in establishing
refuelling bases the cruising range of
the submarines and the length of
time they could remain away from a
home port would be increased ac-
cordingly.

One method is to have a floating
base—an oil tanker which cruises
about a pre-arranged meeting
place in a pre-unfrequented part
of the ocean. Germany bought a num-
ber of old tankers not long ago.

The biggest ocean-going U-boats
have a cruising radius up to 12,000
miles.

Whatever the size or range may
be, you can be sure of one thing:
Britain will sweep them from the
seas.

Found Her Child After 7 Years

A MOTHER and her 15-
year-old daughter who
had not heard of each other
for seven years were re-
united at Lambeth juvenile
court recently.

The girl, who had been found
wandering in the streets of
Brixton, was said to be in need
of care and protection. It was
stated that she had run away
from a nursing school.

The girl then heard for the
first time this story of her early
life, told by her mother:

"When my baby was born I was
destitute and was sent to the work-
house.

LEFT ARM IN ARM
"My daughter was taken away
from me. She was sent to one school
and then to another. I heard about
her from time to time over a num-
ber of years and then lost all trace
of her. That was seven years ago.
I did not see or hear of her until
a few days ago."

A welfare worker said the girl
had been in various homes all over
the country and could hardly re-
member her mother.

The girl asked the magistrates if
she could return to her mother, and
the woman pleaded: "I have a hus-
band now and a home, and I want
my daughter."

The magistrates adjourned the
case until the mother and
daughter left the court arm in arm.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"We gotta wait for Slug—he went to steal a car—"

Siegfried: Can It Hold Out?

By a Military Expert

How strong is the Siegfried Line?
From the first day that the Ger-
mans began building their "West
Wall," intelligence agents, particu-
larly of the French, have sought
the answer. The fact that answers
have not been divulged in the press
—and that the character and equip-
ment of the German line remains
a mystery to the public—does not
mean that the Allied command is
ignorant of the major outline of the
Nazl fortifications.

But at the same time there are
many things that cannot be found
out without the expenditure of pre-
cious combat. That is to a large
degree, explains the "delay" in the
offensive on the Western Front.

TERM A MISNOMER

For it must be understood that
the term "line" is, in itself, some-
thing of a misnomer. The position
is not a line of forts, pillboxes,
trenches, and the like. It is a zone
of varying width and probably
reaching back as much as 30
miles from the frontier at some
points. It extends from the Swiss
border near Basel, running north-
west to the frontier on the east bank
of the Rhine River toward Karls-
ruhe. At this point, and still
fronting the border and French
line, it leaves the river traversing
the upland region to the west of
the Moselle River at the Luxembourg
border. From here it is out of
contact with the Maginot Line,
with Luxembourg and Belgium
separating them. Then it swings
north once more, paralleling the
east Luxembourg and Belgian fron-
tiers, a total distance of some 350
miles.

HASTE IN BUILDING

It is known that the position was
laid out and the work in it com-
pleted in relative haste. In all
probability the Siegfried Line is not
as complete in detail of organiza-
tion as the Maginot Line, to which
the French devoted several years of
intensive preliminary study and
thorough execution.

It reports are correct of a short-
age of cement in Germany, the
construction work may not be of
sufficient strength to withstand the
pounding of heavy artillery and air
bombs.

The military value of such a
position depends on several factors.
Important among them is readiness
for defence, shelters, ammunition
and food, telephonic communica-
tions, and traps to ward off attacks.
In addition, it should have protec-
tive and tactical wire barriers to
prevent small posts from being
rushed at short range or bombed by
grenades.

Whether the Siegfried Line has
all of these is surmise.

SEVERAL POSITIONS

It is improbable that the land-
scape is checker-boarded with con-
cealed guns and troop positions,
but there are certain to be not one
but several positions.

These successive positions, all
generally parallel to one another,
with switch positions running from
parallel to parallel, will allow so
far as possible, the features of the
terrain.

Moreover, they will be separated
from one another, when practicable,

by such distance as will prevent
more than one at a time being taken
under concentrated fire of attacking
artillery. This would necessitate
that the attacker bring his own
artillery forward after capturing one
position before being able to attack
the next.

From the Swiss border near
Basle to Karlsruhe, the Rhine River
is the frontier between France and
Germany. Here the Rhine Valley is
the bottom of a wide trench made
when rocks collapsed in ages past.
Walls of the trench are sheer, high.
Heavily wooded plateaus slope away
from the crests. These form the
Black Forest in Germany and the
Vosges Mountains in France. Here
is a frontier ideal for defence.

ALMOST INVINCIBLE

The allies to-day, operating
against modern weapons, would
have as little chance to success in
any attack launched east from
this part of the Maginot Line against
the commanding crest of this huge
basin across the river as the Ger-
mans would have had in 1914 at-
tacking west.

We know that the Germans not
only made no serious attempt to
attack this part of France in the
World War but moreover did not
dislodge the French who had ad-
vanced rapidly east in the early
days of the war, pushing their lines
forward through Alsace to the river.
It was not that the Germans had
insufficient confidence in the ability
of their heavy artillery to crush the
French forts around Belfort but they
realized that the topography placed
all the odds against them and too
strongly favoured a protracted and
stubborn defence by field fortifica-
tions.

Between the north end of the
Vosges Mountains near Karlsruhe
on the Rhine and the Luxembourg
border near the Moselle River lies
the region frequently referred to
in military language as the Lor-
raine Gateway. At the west end of
this line is the Saar Basin, over 700
square miles in area and one of the
richest mining and industrial regions
in Europe. Awarded by the Ver-
sailles Treaty to France to be
exploited for 15 years in compensa-
tion for French coal mines destroyed
by German forces in the war, it was
restored to Germany in 1935 after a
"plebiscite." Its largest city is
Saarbrücken, near which was fought
the first battle of the French-Prus-
sian War of 1870, should forecasters
be seeking a portent.

RUGGED REGION

This entire region strongly re-
sembles the Ardennes to its west,
being very uneven, and rugged,
densely wooded, with small streams
cutting up the upland country in
all directions, rendering cross-coun-
try travel very arduous. Roads of neces-
sity are forced to the valleys.

The French will probably find that
portion of the Siegfried Line be-
tween Karlsruhe and Saar not so
thoroughly organized as the ex-
tremities named in other words,
the topographically weak parts of
this section of the Line may be con-
sidered as being the natural open-
ings pierced in it by the Rhine and
Moselle River Valleys, which may
well prove to be the heaviest fortified
sections. It will be noted from re-

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Commentators See U.S. Neutrality Decision As— MAJOR TRAGEDY FOR NAZI ASPIRATIONS

PARIS, Oct. 28 (UP).—Informed circles hail the Senate neutrality vote as possibly the most important single development of the war and assert that it will formidably increase the Allies resources.

When it becomes effective, the United States will be able to promptly ship to France \$58,000,000 worth of supplies, principally planes and \$14,000,000 to Great Britain.

The London "Evening Standard" says: "Germany must interpret this decision as another defeat to her cause."

The "Star": "There has been exciting and sensational happenings in Europe this week but the action of the United States is likely to outweigh all as a factor of victory."

Berlin Nazis do not attempt to hide their displeasure. Informed circles there intimate that Germany may attempt to make an immediate knockout blow to Great Britain.

Sunday Comment

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—The "Observer," commenting on Neutrality Bill developments in Washington, states:

"The move was dictated by America's own interests. The United States is now still more determined to stay out of the war at all costs. 'If we were 2,000 miles away from Europe, we would also feel like that.'"

The "Sunday Times" says that the Senate has removed a measure which was really weighing the balance against us.

Pointing out that the revised Neutrality Bill is not yet law, the newspaper adds that when it becomes so, its importance will be felt if the war is prolonged.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 28 (UP).—The vote in favour of repeal of the arms embargo is considered here as a great success for the Allied cause.

Reaction in Holland

The "Algemein Handelsblad" comments: "The unequivocal and convincing Senate vote is, no doubt, illustrative of the sympathy of the majority of the American people."

"Although formally maintaining the United States' neutrality in an irreproachable manner, the Senate has now made it probable that the great powers adhering to the same principles and ideals of individual freedom as America, will indirectly get material aid of the greatest importance."

What Russia Thinks

MOSCOW, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—A Japanese Army spokesman here, describes the repeal of the Arms Embargo by the United States Senate as a decision to assist the Allies against Germany.

Far East Solving The Problem 4-Point Programme Is Outlined

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Oct. 29 (UP).—Clarifying their expectations as to the outcome of the Institute of Pacific Relations conference, the Chinese Foreign Relations Association have issued a statement as follows:—

(1) Peace and order in East Asia to be based on the agreement reached in the Washington Conference of 1922 to respect China's territorial integrity and to maintain the Open Door policy. Peace between China and Japan is entirely impossible if Japan is allowed further to disregard the Nine Power Treaty.

(2) Britain and the United States, who are most influential Powers in the Far East, should manifest some co-operation in the maintenance of the Open Door policy, for which capital investment would be welcomed.

U.S. Responsibility

(3) The responsibility of the United States regarding the Far East has become much more important as a result of the war in Europe, therefore a stiffening of American attitude has a great bearing on the future course of Japanese aggression.

(4) Economic warfare is a very serious weapon in Japan's hands for carrying out her aggression in China. However, if she were boycotted by the United States, which supplies Japan with the greater portion of her war material, the latter would be seriously disabled.

A solution of the Sino-Japanese conflict will depend on the concerted efforts of the signatories to the Nine Power Treaty, the statement said.

PUPPETS' PROGRESS

TOKYO, Oct. 30 (UP).—The Foreign Office spokesman announced that a new Government would be established in China "within one month."

ISOLATIONISTS CONCEDE LOSS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (UP).—The isolationist group admits that the repeal of the Neutrality Act will be approved by the House of Representatives by ten votes. Administration officials claim a margin of 31 votes.

The isolationists cling to the slim hope of defeating the Bill by a sudden change in public opinion. Democrats hope to limit the debate on the Bill to two days. The Republicans are demanding 30 hours, plus the right to amend. This the Democrats hope to block.

Sentry Shoots Two Canadian Missionaries

Serious Incident In Kiangsu

PEIPING, Oct. 30 (Reuter).—Two Canadian Jesuit missionaries have been shot, one seriously, by a Japanese sentry at Yaolou, ten miles south-west of Haichow, Kiangsu.

According to a Japanese Army report, three men, dressed in Chinese clothes, passed in on cycles late yesterday afternoon.

Sentry's Mistake

The sentry thought that they were trying to escape him and he fired twice, wounding two, after which he discovered them to be Canadian missionaries.

The names of the wounded missionaries are not known.

No Mission version of the affair is yet available.

It will be recalled that a few weeks ago, the Japanese Army arrested two Canadian missionaries of the Hushow Mission (to which these three belonged) and held them incommunicado for a considerable time.

Japanese Allegation

SHANGHAI, Oct. 30 (Reuter).—A Japanese Army spokesman here alleged that the Rev. I. S. W. Ryding, a British missionary in Chenlu (Honnan Province) had been in close touch with Chinese guerrillas who raided that town, causing considerable damage.

The allegation was made in the course of a denial that there is an anti-foreign movement in Chenlu.

Later the Rev. Ryding left the town and went to Tsinling, the spokesman added.

ARMCHAIR STRATEGISTS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BALTIMORE, Oct. 27 (UP).—Mr. Harry Woodring, the Secretary of State for War, has denounced the "dangerously prevalent" assumptions by "armchair strategists" that entry of the United States into the war is inevitable.

He stressed the importance of naval, army and industrial economic preparation as the best deterrent to aggressive designs on the United States and scoffed at the suggestions that the United States would permit the export of defensive arms or ban the export of offensive arms.

Recent developments, said Mr. Woodring, demand the improvement of the Army's speed of movement.

Norwegian Ship Sunk

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—A Norwegian steamer was sunk in the North Sea to-day. The crew of 30 were landed. Three of them were injured and were taken to hospital.

Greeks Ready To Defend Country

ATHENS, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—King George of Greece declared to-day that if necessary the Greek nation will defend its lands, air and sea.

The King was speaking to newly-sworn officers of the Greek Air Force. He said the Greek people, who understood the danger of unpreparedness in the air, had voluntarily contributed over £600,000 for the air force.

NEW CZECH SLOGAN

Free Country In A Free Europe

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 28 (UP).—Speaking at a meeting of Czechoslovakian refugees here to-day in celebration of the 21st anniversary of the declaration of Czechoslovakian independence, M. Jan Masaryk, former Czech premier launched the slogan "Free Czechoslovakia in a Free Europe."

He said it would be premature to start painting a definite political map of post-war Europe "but we should start this very minute to think about the future economic configuration of Europe."

"Dividing the European Continent into countless small economic units has been a failure. Whatever may happen, the Central European and Danubian countries should start now looking for a common economic denominator."

Czechoslovakia Celebrates

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—Czechoslovakia's Independence Day was celebrated yesterday throughout the country, according to reports reaching London.

The Police in Prague drew a cordon round Wenceslas Palace, but this was broken by demonstrators, who afterwards, however, dispersed.

The Police and the Gestapo were active, but many citizens wore Czech bands while in the smaller towns and villages the inhabitants wore traditional costumes in honour of the day.

Nazis Seek Demonstrators

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—The Nazis are searching Prague for the organisers of the Czechoslovakian independence demonstrations there yesterday, according to reports reaching here.

A number of arrests are said to have been already made. Hundreds of hostages were recently seized by the Nazi authorities in view of the possibility of such demonstrations. These presumably will be used to compel the suspects to surrender.

Soviet Regime Formed

MOSCOW, Oct. 27 (UP).—The National Assembly at Lwow has unanimously proclaimed a Soviet regime in western Ukraine.

Two Broadcasts

LONDON, Oct. 28 (Reuter).—In addition to the speech by Dr. Edouard Benes, former President of Czechoslovakia, the republic's Independence Day was marked by two broadcasts.

One was by M. Jan Masaryk, son of Czechoslovakia's first President, who broadcast from London, and the other was by M. Ousky, the former Czech Minister to London, who spoke from the French capital.

M. Masaryk declared: "We are fighting for freedom in Europe. Only in a free Europe will there be a free Czechoslovakia."

"The fate of Hitlerism is sealed and upon Czechs will play an important part in carrying out the sentence."

M. Ousky said: "This tragedy shows that every oppression of a small nation affects the great family of nations."

Many Czechs Arrested

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PRAGUE, Oct. 29 (UP).—Heavy patrols of Czech police were on guard in the streets leading to the centre of the city to-day.

The police turned back all persons suspected of intending to participate in the renewal of Saturday's demonstrations. Even street car services were discontinued.

At 2 p.m. a radio announcement ordered Czechs to cease wearing Czech national colours.

It has been officially announced that 15 suspects have been arrested and scores were temporarily detained following yesterday's clashes in which 17 people had been injured.

Those arrested will be punished, the announcement said.

Four Killed

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—It is now known that four were killed and many injured in serious clashes between the Czechs and the Nazis during the Prague demonstrations.

Several bands of Czechs broke through Police cordons round the famous Wenceslas Square, but were dispersed.

Special broadcasts from London and Paris were heard by many listeners.

Riots In Prague

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—Many clashes are still occurring in Prague. All cafes and restaurants were compelled to close early and the tramway service has been suspended throughout the day.

In the centre of the city, demonstrators repeatedly gathered in spite of the forceful suppressive measures by uniformed S.A. men and kept up a cry "Up, Beneš! Long Live the Republic!"

Record Defence Budget In U.S.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (UP).—America's Annual national defence costs are somewhere above the billion dollar mark to-day, with no prospect of relief until peace returns to Europe.

From a budgeted \$494,000,000 for national defence in the fiscal year 1934, President Roosevelt has gradually raised the ante to \$1,126,000,000 for the current fiscal year.

But since submitting that estimate to Congress last January, international developments became so menacing that the sum was greatly exceeded.

The Congress which adjourned more than two months ago, appropriated \$1,645,000,000 for strictly national defence purposes in this fiscal year, divided almost exactly between the Army and Navy. A looser definition of the term would increase the sum by more than \$500,000,000.

New Battleships

Notable in the naval appropriations were funds to continue work on 121 naval vessels and lay keels of 23 more, including two 45,000 ton battleships.

Funds were obtained to increase the Army Air Corps strength to 5,500 planes by July 1, 1941.

National defence appropriations for this fiscal year are 65 per cent. greater than for the fiscal year which ended last June 30. It may not be necessary to maintain that pace of increase but the defence of pulling down costs below \$1,000,000,000 annually is too small now for consideration.

K. C. C. Dance A Big Success

The Kowloon Cricket Club's winter social season opened auspiciously on Saturday night when nearly 300 attended the inaugural dance. The hall was attractively decorated under the direction of Mr. T. W. Carr, convener of the entertainment sub-committee, and the arrangements made for the evening were in every way excellent.

Dancing was enjoyed to music by the dance band of the Royal Scots, and an added attraction which was thoroughly appreciated was the appearance of Doris and Chela, the talented dancers who have just completed a season at the Gloucester Hotel. They performed three numbers and were warmly received.

The next dance is scheduled for November 25.

Ribbentrop's New Move

Meets Bulgarian Irregulars

PARIS, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—Agents of Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Minister, received several leaders of the Comitadj (Bulgarian Irregulars) from Dobrudja and Macedonia during the past few days, according to a "Havas" despatch from the German frontier.

Importance is attached to these meetings as it is reported that they were in connection with political developments in the Balkans.

MILITARY PACT SPECULATION

Nazi Negotiations With Russians

BERLIN, Oct. 28, (UP).—Informed circles have increased speculation over the possibility of a Russo-German military alliance.

Their observations are based firstly on the calling of the Supreme Soviet Council next Tuesday, and secondly, on the arrival of a Russian Trade Delegation.

It is believed that the delegation is authorised to extend conversations beyond trade.

One source close to the Wilhelmstrasse said: "Russia has completed preliminary conversations with Germany which has clarified the situation. Now we can reckon with an important decision."

War Does Not Stop Book Reading

Books of all kinds, whether for recreation or information, continue in great demand in spite of war, according to Mr. W. C. Derwick, Sayers, Chief Librarian of Croydon.

In the last war, Mr. Sayers points out in his annual report, the demand for books increased the longer the conflict lasted.

The reference library is more sensitive to current events. During the September crisis last year serious study at the Croydon Library practically ceased, but the mood passed quickly and was followed by a greatly increased interest in technical and other informative books.

MANCHURIA AND REICH

Rumours Of Big Trade Agreement

BERLIN, Oct. 28 (UP).—German informants claim that they have been informed from Daxien that Russia had agreed to transport one million tons of vegetables and meat from Manchukuo to Germany, via the Russian Railways.

If true, this would mean that Germany has solved an important part of her acute food problem.

A German news broadcast states that the Russo-German exchange of goods will reach an annual figure of two billion marks.

Russia will, it adds, supply Germany with "thousands and even millions" of tons of oil, cotton, ores, wood and flax in exchange for German machinery, chemicals and industrial plants.

Assurances To Belgium

Contraband System Explained

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Economic Warfare has issued a statement on the detention of ships carrying cargoes and food to neutral countries.

The statement was in reply to reports from Belgium reporting anxiety over the holding up of food supplies.

The Ministry explains that the only cargo held up was grain for Antwerp, which was only detained as there were other cargoes on the same ship which might be contraband, or cereals which were destined for countries other than Belgium.

Ships carrying grain and covered by Belgian guarantees that they are not destined for other countries are not detained.

Counteracting Nazi Lies

Novel Organisation In South Africa

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—The Union Unity Fund (organised to counteract Nazi propaganda) is forming branches in South-west Africa, Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Kenya and Tanganyika.

It is also intended to form a truthful service bureau which will give effect to the fund's aims by means of pamphlets (photographs, maps and films which will be moved from place to place).

A special lie detection department is also to be organised. This will consist of economists, historians and students of international affairs who will answer the untruths in Nazi broadcasts.

Quiet Hallowe'en In Hongkong

THE festival of Hallowe'en will not be celebrated to any great extent in Hongkong this year. The most important place—the Hallowe'en dinner held by the Scottish Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps last Friday night.

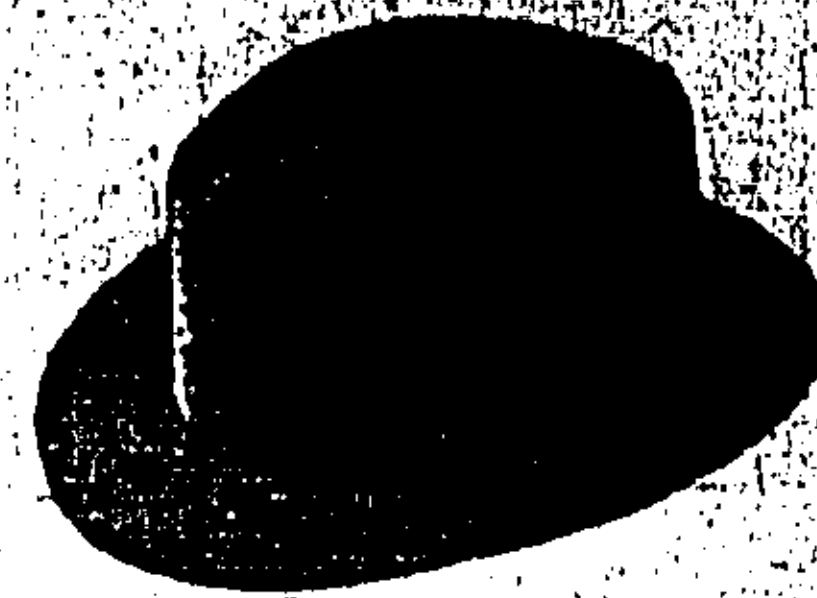
Hallowe'en, the time when supernatural influences are stated to prevail, has always been dear to the hearts of Scotsmen both at home and abroad.

So, in many Scottish homes in the Colony, to-morrow night will be celebrated with small family parties. Nuts and fruits will head the menu lists and the age old customs of "Dooking for Apples" and biting "Stookie Apples" will, undoubtedly, be well to the fore.

Naval Concentration At Pakhoi

KWELIN, Oct. 30 (Central).—Military despatches received here state that the number of Japanese vessels gathered off Pakhoi has now reached twelve.

Throughout October 22 to 25, but Japanese naval movements were witnessed near the Gulf of Kiangchow.



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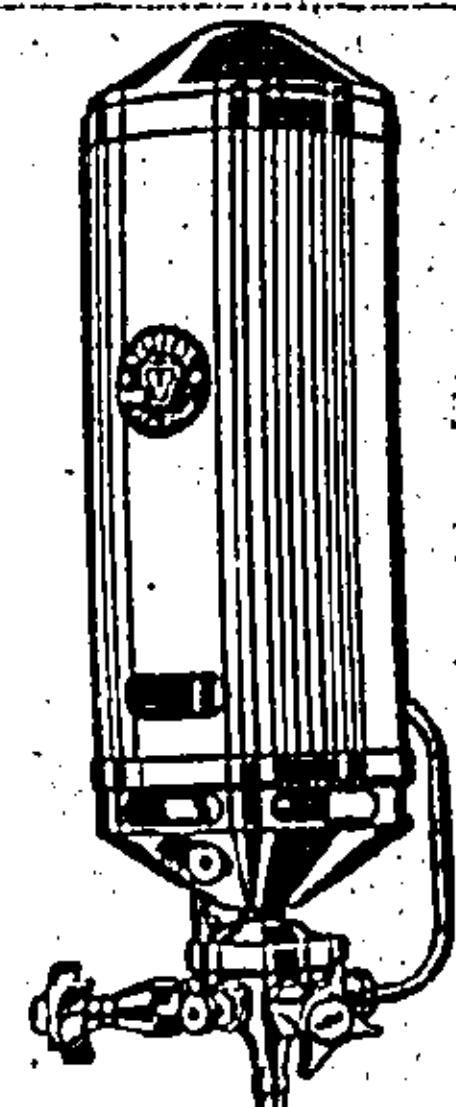
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An offer has been received from the event of Finland dropping out Games would in all probability Japan and other neutral powers

from America to stage the games there
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Boe put Army in the lead when he scored a try which he himself converted. Burrell added to this lead when he scored a try following clever

By Order, **O. B. BROWN,**
 Secret
 Hongkong, 30th October, 1939.

Neutral Countries To Consider Olympiad

BRUSSELS, Oct. 28 (Reuter).—Count Baillet La Tour, president of the International Olympic Committee has written to members of the International Committee soundings' them on the advisability of holding the Olympic games next year if the war is still continuing then.

He is asking members if their respective countries would send teams to Finland in the event of Finland deciding to go ahead with the Games at Helsinki.

An offer has been received from America to stage the games there in the event of Finland dropping out. If the American offer is accepted, it is thought that the Games would in all probability be held in Detroit and America and Japan and other neutral powers would participate.

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Florists who build their reputation on individual ideas mould their groupings to conform to room requirements making the flowers serve their purpose in harmony or emphasis of texture quality or tone.

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New features in the flowers themselves emerge by contrast with their surroundings and, after all, it is the beauty of the flowers we aim to emphasise.

It is best to leave more lavish arrangements of blossoms and greenery to those with rooms of ample proportions and well-stocked herbaceous borders. For instance, long-stemmed flowers, look splendid in lofty well-proportioned surroundings, while we use our lowest bowls or troughs to display shorter-stemmed specimens at a comfortable eye level that distracts neither from the height nor size of the room.

In a new block of flats in Hampstead, the flowers were specially arranged by a consultant florist to illustrate this simple town technique. On the exterior, the trim hallway, a beautifully massed arrangement of pale rose rhododendrons in a tall, dull white pottery jug flashed a colourful greeting from a cupboard corner against the creamy whiteness of the wall. A simple but well chosen touch, now to be replaced by gladioli or chrysanthemums, and later on perhaps by brilliant autumn berries and foliage with equally pleasing effect.

In the small dining-room the florist had cleverly grouped some light mixed blossoms with elongated sprays of delicate-toned aquilegia to lengthen and taper to the graining and lines of the table. This low-set arrangement gave the helpful illusion of extra length and lent character to the room. With cream and greens the prevailing tones, the soft, pastels of the flowers were especially successful.

For the sitting-room, where bolder effects are more desirable, a fan-shaped arrangement is often pleasing, especially if it is placed before a well-lit mirror. Nowadays this is easy to achieve with the economical new fluted vases. Quite a show re-

sults from just a few stems in these household glass will do. Even a clever design now to be found in most of the larger stores for either for longer stemmed field flowers—wall or table use. Sometimes they are made with an independent outer scabrous, marguerites, or garden anemone, wired like a table arrangement, and the rest. The In- compartment, wired like a table arrangement, and the rest. The In- compartment, wired like a table arrangement, and the rest. The In-

LITTLE worth while attentions keep flowers fresh longer; such as if you arrange them in shallow sherry glasses they assume new grace and interest. In case this they are arranged, and refilling the sounds a bit difficult—let me tell you the secret. Snap some bunches of evenly cut stems into trim "faggots" to fit the base of your glasses and secure each with an elastic band. You then have a splendid self-concealing support for receiving even the finest stalks.

WHEN purchasing flowers, it is wise to get the best you can afford. First freshness rewards us with a longer spell of beauty, and the last blooms repay us for any little attention we may give them.

MARY GILBERT

Useful Home Hints

The use of stainless steel knives being cut. Look for a smooth skin in the preparation of fruit dishes prevents unpleasant flavour.

White silk or cotton goods which have turned yellow may be restored with a bleach composed of one part peroxide to about fifteen parts warm water in which a drop or two of ammonia has been added.

Do not buy more eggplant than can be used at one time, as this vegetable does not keep well after sprinkled.

Ways With Apples

HERE are some special recipes that will enable you to make good use of cooking apples.

Honey Apples
Wash, core, and pare six large baking apples. Place in baking dish and fill centres with a mixture composed of one-third of a cup of honey and one-third of a cup of orange juice. Place a clove and a teaspoon of ground nuts in each apple. Cover and bake in a hot oven (400 degrees) for 45 minutes. Remove cover and bake 15 minutes longer.

Apple Buns
Mix and sift two cups of flour with four teaspoons of baking powder and 1/2 teaspoon of salt. Cut in 1/4 cup of shortening. Add 3/4 cup of milk, mixing quickly to make a soft dough. Knead slightly and roll 1/4 inch thick. Spread with soft butter. Pare, core, and chop three medium-sized cooking apples. Mix in 1/4 cup of sugar, 1/4 teaspoon of cinnamon, and a dash of nutmeg. Spread the apple mixture on the dough, roll up, and cut into slices one inch thick. Place in greased baking dish and bake in hot oven (450 degrees) for 20 minutes. Serve hot as breakfast buns or with whipped cream as a dessert.

Apple Pie
Pare, core, and slice six medium-sized cooking apples. Mix a cup of sour cream with 1/2 cup of brown sugar—lightly packed, 1/2 cup of white sugar, and one teaspoon of cinnamon. Pour over apples. Mix two tablespoons of flour with one tablespoon of tapioca, and sprinkle over the crust with which a pie dish has been lined.

Arrange the apple mixture on top and add any remaining cream mixture. Bake in hot oven (420 degrees) for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to moderate (350 degrees) and bake for one hour.



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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Oct. 30, 1889.
We remind our readers who might be interested in the sale of the French Concession, Shanghai, that the auction will take place in the French Consulate, Canton, on Wednesday and that all intending bidders are to send to the French Consul, before the day for the auction, the request as provided for in Article I of the Condition of Sale.

25 YEARS AGO

Oct. 25, 1914.
All alien enemies in Hongkong and other British possessions in China are being expelled, except those of military age, who are being detained.

German troops have invaded Angola (Portuguese West Africa).

One learns many things in war-time. One's geographical knowledge seems wonderfully enlarged. A certain sympathy, however, must be for the soldier, the man who had spent much time looking along the French frontier for this battlefield of Arras, which was so much talked of.

At the Hongkong Cricket Club pavilion last evening the annual general meeting of the Hongkong Cricket Club was held. Mr. F. Maitland, President, was in the chair. The committee for the coming year was elected as follows:—Messrs. Maitland (President), R. Hancock, T. E. Pearce, Major Robertson, A. R. Linton, T. R. King, Hon. Claude Gower, Capt. Matthews, R. P. Thurlfield and A. C. Hynes.

10 YEARS AGO

Oct. 30, 1929.
Mr. Young Wai-keat, a son of Mr. Young Hok-ling, has been appointed Traffic Manager of the Chinese Section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway. Great progress has been made recently and the rail service is working on an efficient and profitable basis. The express trains running twice daily each way between Hongkong and Canton have been of great service both for passengers and freight, and it is intended as soon as possible to augment this service by a further night train in each direction. A great many sleepers have been replaced along the line and the service has been speeded up considerably, the journey taking just under four hours at present. Mr. C. C. Liu now plans to have the relaying of the sleepers completed and the service quickened up to cover the 112 miles from Canton to Kowloon in 3 1/2 hours.

Oct. 30, 1929.
It is hoped that the turning point in the tremendous plunges of the New York Stock Exchange, which have rocked the institution to its foundations, has been reached to-day after a long and critical struggle between the bulls and the bears. Wall Street has never before witnessed such an opening as it experienced to-day. In the first half an hour the business exceeded any previous full hour's trading in the history of the Exchange.

A huge volume of business was transacted immediately the Stock Market opened, and another shocking slump was feared as many of the leading active stocks were quickly brought down as much as ten points. Sales registered a new record, over sixteen million shares changing hands during the day as against last week's record sale of 14,000,000.

5 YEARS AGO

Oct. 30, 1934.
Germany will pay her debts unless she is allowed to increase her exports. This was Dr. Schacht's warning to Germany's foreign creditors to-day.

Gambled Away Employer's Money

Hard Labour For Embezzler

Entrusted with a considerable amount of money to be taken from Canton to Hongkong, Ho Chi-hin, 25, collected some more in Hongkong and then went to Macao and gambled it all away. As a result, Ho appeared before Mr. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistrate's to-day and admitted a charge of fraudulent conversion of \$1,500 in Chinese currency and \$800 in Shanghai money.

Det. Sergeant Johnston said on October 23 defendant was given \$800 in Shanghai money and \$100 in Chinese currency by his employer in Canton to take to Hongkong. He was also given a letter for a Chinese firm here, and defendant went there and collected a further \$1,000 in Chinese money.

Defendant left for Macao on October 24 and gambled the money away. He returned to Hongkong on Saturday and went to the house of his employer's wife, Pun Ning-hing. She asked him if there was any money for her and he replied there was but that it was in a house in Wanchai. The woman suspected him and took him to the Yau-mati Police Station where the whole story was revealed.

Concluding, Det.-Sgt. Johnston said defendant was a clansman of the complainant and had brought money to Hongkong before. Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was passed.

Similar Case
A fine of \$50 or a month's hard labour was imposed on Lam Chung, 29, unemployed, by Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, on a charge of converting \$350 Chinese currency to his own use on October 24.

Acting Sub-Inspector R. J. Clarke said Lam lived in the same house as complainant, Lam Shun, 40, a married woman. On October 24, she handed Lam \$350 to change into Hongkong currency, because Lam had a relative in the money-changer's shop, and he could therefore obtain a better rate than complainant. The woman's husband went with Lam, but later left him and returned home. Half-an-hour passed and Lam did not return, so someone was sent to look for him, but he could not be found. Lam's husband saw defendant in the street and had him arrested.

Defendant, asked what he had done with the stolen money, said he had lost it gambling in Macao.

Mr. Forrest ordered Lam to pay complainant \$100 Hongkong money in compensation, or serve a further two months.

Handbag Snatched

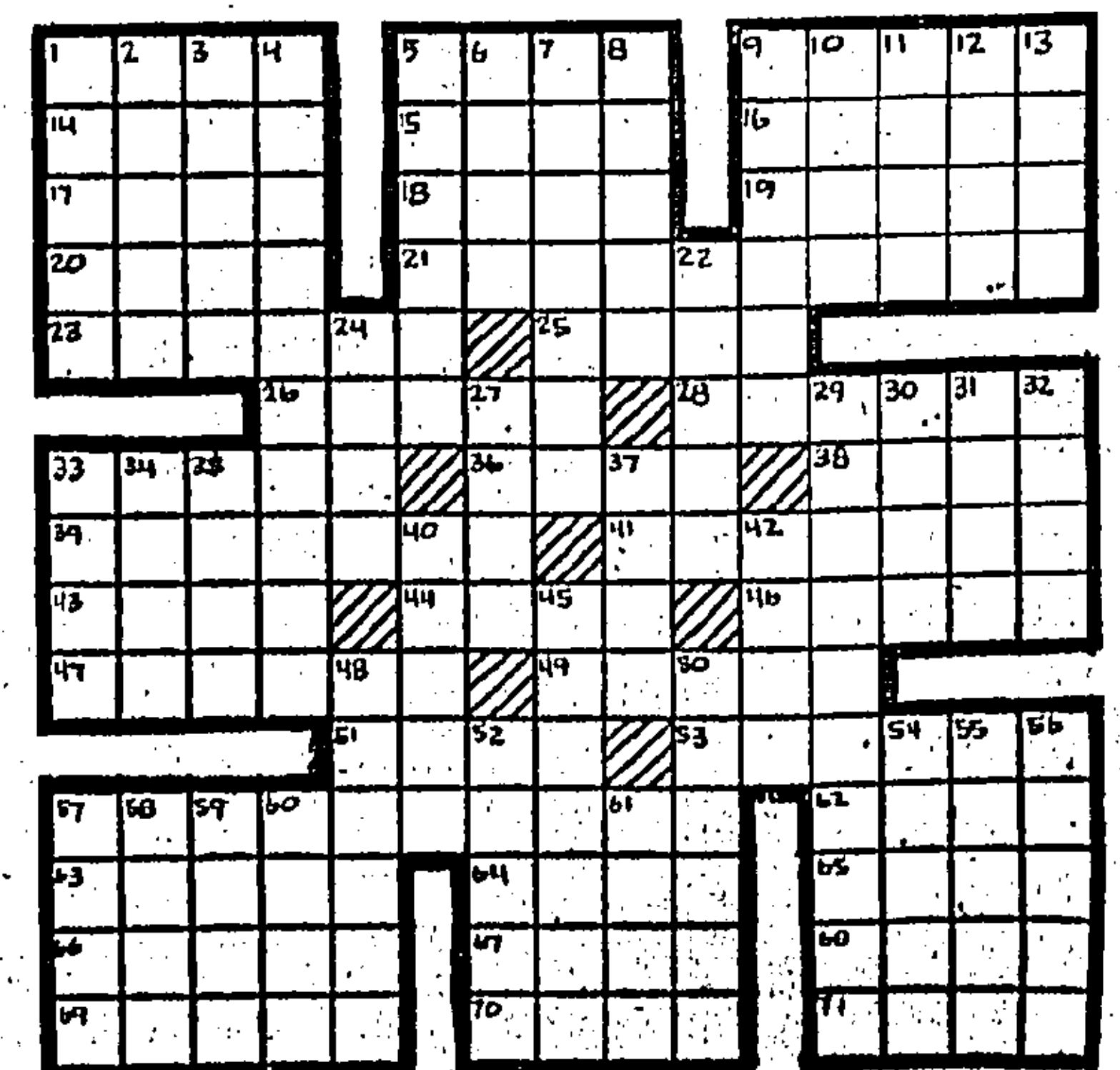
Walking in Peel Street yesterday, Mrs. Hwang, of Blue Pool Road, had her handbag, containing money and articles to the value of \$148.15, snatched by a man who escaped.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1—Flat circular plate
2—Put aside for future use
3—Works upon with
4—Combining forms
5—Building
6—Gains of chance
7—Turkish banner
8—Random occurring
9—Wood-boring beetle
10—Profound
11—Soothing agent
12—Felt
13—Hanks
14—Room over gate in
15—French revolutionary
16—Irritate skin
17—Liver
18—Chick-beetle
19—Piled high
20—Flock of the air
21—West Indian food
22—Depressed fish
23—Looked amorously
24—Difference of lunar
25—And solar years
26—Lizard of desert
27—Conjurer
28—Leavening functional
29—Polynesian food-plant
30—Sweat body of water
31—Large battle (obsolete)

DOWN
1—Falls in school
2—Excitation (slang)
3—Opening into lake
4—Young male of ox kind
5—Part of eye
6—Great
7—Domestic acidity
8—Department in North West
9—Acts in auriferous
10—Strong desire (col.)
11—Requires
12—Small species of
13—Official standing
14—Flare gas



NANCY



ALLEGED MURDER OF CONCUBINE BY WIFE

THE killing of a concubine allegedly by a *kil-fat* wife was described at the Criminal Sessions this morning when Pang Yiu-wui, 40, was charged with the murder of Wan Hang-chung, 25, on July 14.

The case is being tried by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor and the following Jury: Messrs. H. R. Webb (Foreman), Lai Pui-lam, G. T. Anderson, E. J. Beck, Kan Yam-tsin, J. E. Montalto and Kuang Chow-lee.

Pang is defended by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, instructed by Mr. R. M. M. King.

Prosecuting Mr. T. J. Gould said Pang was married to Kan Chung-sui, an employee in a chemist's shop, 23 years ago at Sheklung. They had five children and about nine years ago Kan took Wan as his concubine.

The three lived together until several years later when Kan came to Hongkong, followed shortly afterwards by Wan. Two years ago, Pang and her family also came to Hongkong and stayed at 9 Des Voeux Road Central. Wan was then staying at another address but in April last when the mother-in-law arrived as a refugee she went and lived with the family in order to look after her. Wan was then pregnant.

On the morning of July 13, went on Mr. Gould, a conversation took place between Kan and his 18-year-old daughter regarding a request. Pang for a doctor. Kan said his wife would have to take medicine first, as a doctor was expensive. To this, Pang remarked that her husband apparently preferred to spend his money on Wan, and that the family could die for all be cured.

Mother-in-Law's Discovery
About 4 a.m. the next day, the occupants of the flat were awakened by cries of "Save life!" Kan was not present at the time, having for some time past been sleeping in the shop where he was working, and the first person who saw anything relating to the tragedy was the mother-in-law. She would say that as Wan was sitting up in bed crying and covered in blood, Pang came out of her cubicle and struck her twice with a piece of firewood.

An amah employed by the family then came on the scene and Wan, on being asked what had happened, told her, "Sam Siu-nai (Pang) has cut and struck me." The amah also heard Pang say from the cubicle, "You did not let me know even long after you have begun to live together." To her daughter, Pang said, "Cannot be helped. I have cut and wounded her." A chopper was subsequently found inside the cubicle.

Wan's wounds were bleeding freely and after Chinese medicine had been applied, she was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital, where she died shortly after admission. The cause of death was shock and loss of blood consequent upon the wounds she received.

Pang, who was then ill, was also taken to the hospital, where she was found to be suffering from pyorrhea and anaemia. She stayed there for two months, and when she was charged she made a statement to the effect that when she attacked Wan she did not know what she was doing.

Before her removal to the hospital, Pang was questioned and she made an interpretation, "It was I who cut her. You can see the bloodstains on my trousers. She has hidden my husband for several years. Do you think she deserves the cutting?"

Medical Evidence
Dr. W. P. Kho, of the Queen Mary Hospital, said he found multiple wounds on Wan's face, as well as on both arms. The left arm was cut across the muscle as far as the bone, but no main arteries were involved. Questioned by Mr. Anderson, witness said that as far as the wound on the left arm was concerned, considerable force must have been used. The force which caused the blows on the face were not as strong as that on the arm, but they were quite strong.

Mr. Anderson: Assuming the wounds were inflicted at 6 a.m., she would have survived if she had proper medical attention before you saw her at 9.55 a.m.? Yes, in my opinion, because no main arteries were involved.

Dr. R. E. Alvarez, of the Victoria Mortuary, said he performed a post-mortem examination on Wan and found she had been pregnant for seven months. The cause of death was multiple injuries, haemorrhage and shock.

After Dr. R. S. Begbie, Assistant Government Bacteriologist, had testified to finding bloodstains on a pair of trousers handed to him by the Police, Dr. K. Y. Kong, of the Queen Mary Hospital, told the Court that when he saw Pang on July 14 she had a temperature of 102. She also com-

Covered In Blood

In answer to Mr. Anderson, Dr. Gould agreed with Taylor's Mental Jurisprudence that when a person on awakening or being aroused from sleep was often in a state of semi-consciousness. During this period there was no doubt the person's mind would be subject to hallucinations.

Ting Fat-yin, the mother-in-law, said that on being awakened by cries of "Save Life!" she saw Wan covered with blood. She then saw Pang come out of her cubicle and strike Wan with a piece of firewood.

Witnesses agreed with Mr. Anderson that Pang and Wan had been on very good terms and had never quarrelled. Pang had also never scolded Wan.

Pang had been ill for three years prior to the tragedy. She was a meek person generally, but sometimes she turned face to the wall and murmured to herself.

The case is proceeding.

Negroes Are Consecrated

Unique Ceremony In Vatican

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
VATICAN CITY, Oct. 29, (UP).—Marking the first time in the history of the Vatican that negroes have ever been consecrated by the Pontiff, Pope Pius XII. this morning consecrated 12 missionary Bishops of many nationalities in St. Peter's Basilica.

Among them were two negroes, Monsignor Joseph Kiwanuka from Uganda and Monsignor Ignatius Rane from Morotania from Madagascar.

Chinese Bishop
There was also one Hindu Jesuit, Monsignor Rocco Agniswami of India and one Chinese, Monsignor Thomas Tien.

Other nationalities represented among the 12 Bishops included Swiss, Italian, Spanish, German, Danish, Mexican and the United States.

After the ceremony, in which the Pope placed his hands on the head of each new Bishop and touched their forehead with oil, His Holiness delivered a homily to the new Bishops in which he pleaded for the strict observance of the Ten Commandments to-day more than ever in view of the present international situation.

Belgium And Neutrality

New Affirmation By The Primate

BRUSSELS, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—At a service of intercession for peace at Brussels to-day, the Primate of Belgium again reaffirmed Belgium's determination to preserve her neutrality. The Primate was speaking in the presence of King Leopold and members of the government.

Would Be A Crime

He said it would be a crime for Belgium to join the war unless her existence was threatened. But fortunately she was guaranteed by the Powers and by the resolve of her army and King.

Belgium was always loyal to engagements and had had no part in the cause of the present war. The Primate urged on all Catholics spiritual mobilization for the sake of Belgium and the future of Europe.

Week-End Robberies

Several Hongkong residences were entered by burglars during the week-end, according to Police reports.

Mrs. Davies, of the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, was robbed of jewellery valued at \$272 when someone entered the Sisters' Quarters.

Mr. D. J. S. Crozier, of Trevelyan Mansions, has reported that money and jewellery valued at \$134 were stolen from his home.

A thief entered St. Paul's Church, Glenelg, between Saturday night and Sunday morning, and stole money and a fountain pen valued at \$276, according to a report made by Mrs. S. F. Tso, wife of the Vicar.

Money and a wrist watch valued at \$107 belonging to Chan Choi-hi, were stolen from 109 Second Street early this morning.

Collecting For Charity "Racket"

Man Sent To Prison

On four charges of obtaining money by false pretences Tong Chung, 40, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistracy to-day.

Tong pleaded guilty to having collected money from various places by pretending that he was an authorised collector of charity contributions.

Det-Sergeant Johnston said defendant had collected a total of \$4. In his possession were found books which showed that the "racket" was being carried out on large scale. Receipts were also found, as was a book containing the names of subscribers.

Serious Possibilities
The Det-Sergeant said that the matter, apart from being a swindle, might eventually affect genuine charity collections. Defendant was arrested when he went to an establishment in Jordan Road on October 25. He had gone there before and had tendered a receipt in return for money. That receipt had been found to be false and his return to the same place resulted in his arrest.

Defendant had no record, said Det-Sergeant Johnston but enquired had been made about him before, in connection with the gathering of recruits for the Chinese Army and the collection of entrance fees.

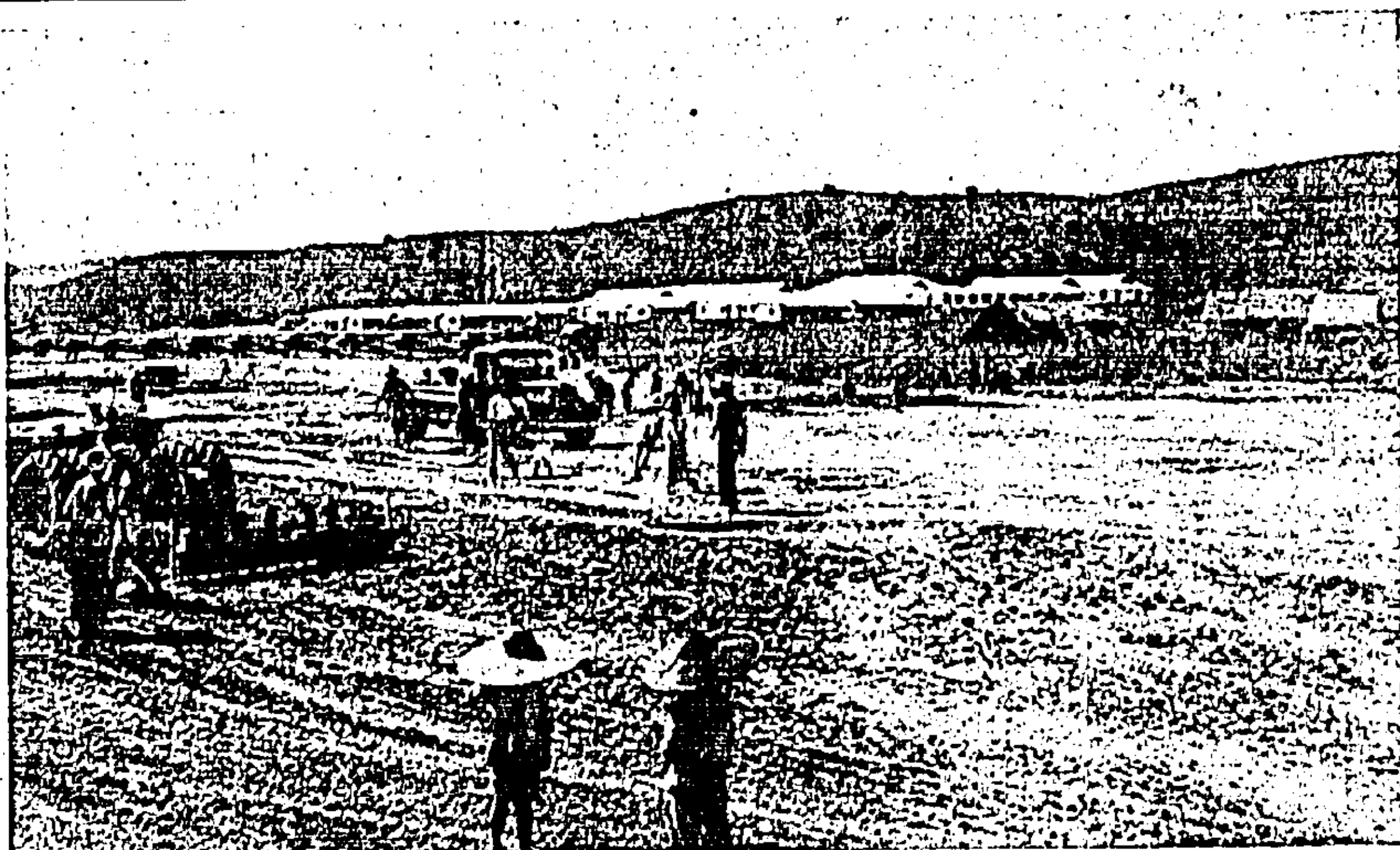
Viceroy's New Invitation

NEW DELHI, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—The Viceroy is reported to have invited the leaders of Congress and the Muslim League to Delhi for a discussion during the coming week.

Building China A New Air Force

A view showing levelling operations on the aerodrome of the new Sino-American Central Aircraft Factory, "somewhere in the West," where planes are being produced to build up the Chinese Air Force.

In the left background of the picture a line of newly-built American Curtiss fighter planes can be seen awaiting delivery. More than 2,000 Chinese workers, supervised by 35 American experts are at the factory, which is said to be producing planes at the rate of one a day.



CHUNGKING-RANGOON AIR SERVICE STARTS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Oct. 29 (UP).—All preparations have been completed for the inauguration of the Chungking-Rangoon regular air service which will be started to-morrow by the China National Aviation Corporation.

The Postmaster at Chungking has published a notice announcing that with the inauguration of the new air line, airmail will be forwarded to Rangoon to-morrow by the first Douglas plane going there, and he has requested the post office to mark "via Rangoon" on letters destined for Europe making use of this new line.

Postal authorities call it the "Rangoon Era" to forward letters from the interior of China to Europe.

Privileges Exchanged
A contract was signed between the Chinese Government and the Imperial Airways for the exchange of privileges in operating regular air lines over Chinese and British territory whereby the Chinese Government is given the right to run the air line to Rangoon, and the Imperial Airways is given the right to run an air liner from Rangoon to Hongkong via Kunming.

The Chinese Government thereafter entrusted the National Aviation Corporation with operating the line in its behalf.

Trial flights by both the C.N.A.C. and the Imperial Airways were conducted successfully several months ago. The C.N.A.C. has been busy during the past few months with the purchase of new Douglas planes to help improve the Kunming and Lashio airdromes, and they suggested to the British that they enlarge the Rangoon airdrome for the comfortable landing of the Douglas planes. The installation of ground officers, wireless equipment and relations.

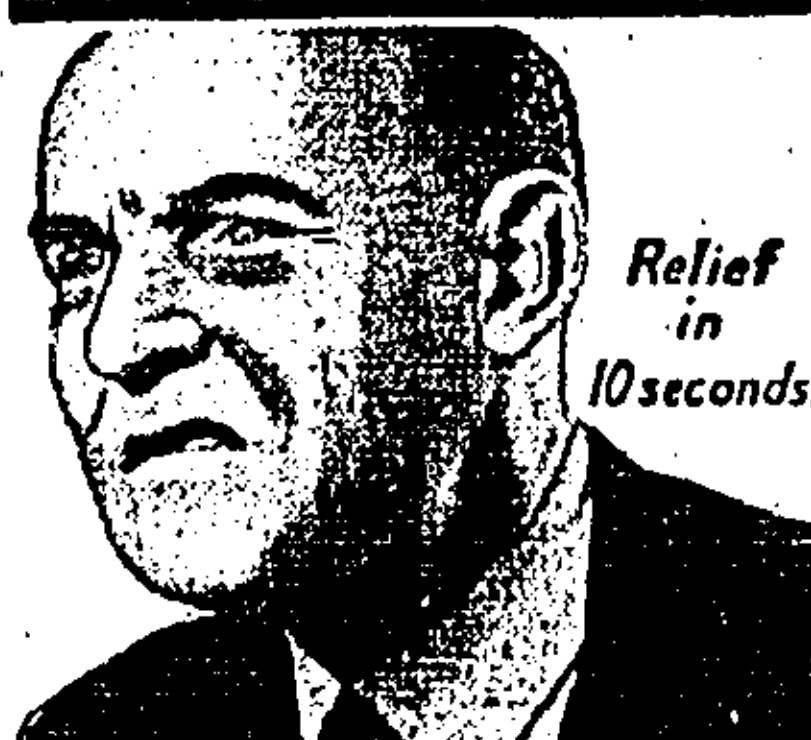
Same Face, But Not Finger Prints
Brothers might have the same face but not identical finger prints, was what Mr. Macfadyen told Chan Fuk, 19, at Kowloon Magistracy to-day, when Chan said it was not he but his brother who had been previously arrested.

Chan admitted a charge of begging for food at Shanghai Street on Saturday. After denying that he had been apprehended before for a similar offence, Chan eventually admitted it and confessed that he had signed a bond.

Chan was fined \$2 or five days' hard labour for the present offence, and given a similar sentence for breach of the bond signed last month.

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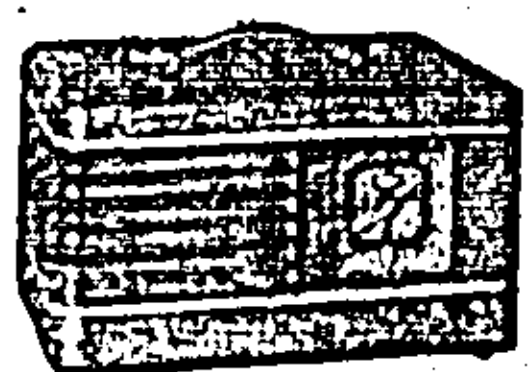
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Successful Research By Japanese Doctor

Tokyo, Oct. 28. Engaged in research work at the Kikazato Infectious Disease Research Institute, Dr. Kikazato Sukegawa has discovered a method of producing from hen and quail eggs a small-pox vaccine which is claimed to be superior to that being used to-day.

Dr. Sukegawa's discovery is believed to be the greatest advancement in the field of medical research since the great discovery in 1700 of the medical use of vaccine by Edward Jenner, the English doctor.

The new vaccine can be made available by heating either hen or quail eggs from about eight to ten days in a container having a temperature of 39 degrees centigrade and then injecting toxin into the membranes of the eggs.

The newly-discovered vaccine is reported to have the great advantage over vaccine obtained from calves in that it can be used for hypodermic injection, whereas calf vaccine cannot be so used lest bacteria other than cowpox is accidentally introduced by the injection.

Dr. Sukegawa has devoted many years of patient study and investigation in this particular field of research. As far back as 1927, before the present stage of perfection was attained, Dr. Sukegawa proved the effectiveness of his discovery by experimenting on his son, then 10 years of age as well as on over 3,000 other persons.—Domel.

Liner Uses Her Guns

Passengers On Board Watch Firing

A description of a practice shoot at sea by the six inch gun of the stern of a British liner, during the voyage from Manila was given by passengers when they arrived here yesterday.

"In order not to alarm passengers, who might think an actual attack by submarine was taking place, we notified the night before the practice that shooting would take place," passengers said.

A target consisting of two large tea chests was dropped overboard and two shots were fired at it at about 8 a.m.

"The first shot from the six inch gun hit, fired at a range of about 3,000 yards sent up a spout of water nearly 50 feet high close to the target. The second shot fell wider of the target, but as we understood it was controlled fire, accuracy of the shooting could not be judged even through glasses by onlookers," the passengers said.

The six inch gun shook the whole ship and could be heard and felt even in the engine room.

"The anti-aircraft gun was fired at an angle of about 45 degrees into the sky, apparently at a cloud. A white puff appeared about two miles up as the shell exploded. The second shot aimed at the puff of smoke still floating high in the sky from the first, was a good one as another puff appeared very close to the first. We saw the puff of smoke from the exploded shell even before we heard the report of gun. This impressed upon us the speed at which the shells travel," passengers said.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued 12.30 p.m. Saturday.

The enquiries noted in yesterday's report continued well in evidence during the morning. For a Saturday, the turnover might be regarded as moderately large.

Buyers	
H.K. Bank	\$1,305
Canton Ins.	\$202½
Fires	\$170
Docks	\$18
Rebbs	\$9.00
H. & S. Hotels	\$4½
Land	\$32
Realty	\$4.10
Tramways	\$18.80
Yamnat. Ferries	\$22.10
Telephones (Old)	\$20.20
Cements	\$14
Watsons	\$7.85

Sellers	
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan 97½	
Dairy Farms (Old)	\$20
Tramways	\$10

Sales	
Fires	\$175
Providents	\$4
China Lights (Old)	\$7.80
Manila Gold Shares	

Pa.	
Atolls	14 a
Antamok	13½ b
Baguio Gold	12 b
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Coco Grove	14½ a
Consolidated Mines	0030 b
Demonstration	07 a
L.K. Gold	12 a
Ipco Mining	20 a
Mosbato Consolidated	07 a
Mindanao Motherlode	07½ a
Mine Operation	07½ a
North Camarines	10½ a
Paracale Consolidated	10½ a
San Maurice	72 a
Surigao Consolidated	15 b
Suyo Consolidated	11½ a
United Paracale	27 a

Talks To Resume?

British Relations With Japan

Tokyo, Oct. 28. The British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, called on Mr. Masayuki Tani, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, at the Foreign Office yesterday afternoon.

It is understood that during the 40-minute interview the British Ambassador informed the Japanese official of the British Government's readiness to resume Anglo-Japanese negotiations for a settlement of the Tientsin issue.

Domel learns from authoritative sources that an interview was reached to open negotiations both in London and Tokyo. If necessary arrangements can be made.—Domel.

Significant Interview

Tokyo, Oct. 28. Japanese newspapers attach great significance to the interview between Sir Robert Craigie, and Mr. Tani, which they regard as the beginning of preliminary negotiations for a settlement of various pending questions between Japan and Britain.

The Nichi Nichi Shimbun understands that Admiral Nomura will negotiate with Britain and the United States separately even if the latter have common interests in China, for instance, in connection with the navigation of the Yangtze River.

The Hochi Shimbun says that the Foreign Minister held conferences not only with the Premier, but also with the War Minister, Finance Minister, and the Education Minister. The paper understands that the Foreign Minister in view of his recent consultations with important Cabinet Ministers, made important proposals before the Cabinet meeting on Friday regarding the proposed adjustment of relations with Britain and the United States.

Recalling the Foreign Minister's recent Press interview in which he reaffirmed Japan's determination to construct a new order in East Asia despite possible opposition or interference by third Powers, the paper understands that the Government will reject any demands by third Powers tending to hamper the projected new order in East Asia.

Japan, however, has no intention to trample the rights of China nor has she any desire to suppress the legitimate activities of third-Power nationals in China. The Government, therefore, will reject any demands by third Powers tending to hamper the projected new order in East Asia.

In this connection the Government is even prepared to open the Yangtze and the Pearl Rivers to general shipping to the extent which will not prejudice necessary military operations.

With regard to the 1911 Treaty of Commerce and Navigation which expires on January 20, the Government is ready to enter into negotiations with America for its revision or for a new arrangement if the latter is prepared.

The paper understands that in his forthcoming interview with Mr. J. C. Grew, the American Minister in Tokyo, the Japanese Government will be obliged to take counter-measures.—Domel.

Ambassador Confident

Kebe, Oct. 28. Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, arrived here to-day from Tokyo. He was received by many prominent persons including Mr. A. R. Owens, the British Consul-General.

He told reporters that his present visit to Western Japan had no special significance. He did not think that the Anglo-Japanese parleys had, completely broken down.

Sir Robert said that it would not be difficult to remove misunderstandings existing between Japan and Britain, while he believed that the Anglo-Japanese parleys would eventually be brought to a successful conclusion.

Ambassador Craigie is returning to Tokyo on Tuesday.—Domel.

LONDON NOT INFORMED

London, Oct. 28. Hitherto no report from Sir Robert Craigie has been received in London regarding the conversations with Mr. Tani.

The British Government is quite prepared to resume the conversation regarding Tientsin at any convenient moment. No fresh instructions on the issue have been sent to Sir Robert and if there have been conversations they were arranged in Tokyo.

As far as is known such conversations would have been confined to the Tientsin issues. Hitherto the talks have always taken place in Tokyo and while there may be diplomatic contact on this subject in London there is no knowledge of any parallel conversations having been arranged.—Reuter.

More Carolinians Flying

COLUMBIA, S. C. (UP)—South Carolinians are becoming more and more air-minded, according to Dexter C. Martin, director of the state aeronautics commission. Martin based his opinion on a survey that showed the commission has licensed 341 pupils this year, compared with 219 in 1938—an increase of 64 per cent.

Hitler's Talk With Il Duce

Offensive Against Britain Discussed

PARIS, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—After conferring with Gauleiters last week, Hitler had a long telephone conversation with Signor Mussolini, according to rumours reaching "Havas" from the German frontier.

The two Dictators are said to have discussed the chances of a big offensive against Britain.

Il Duce is said to have been very reserved with regard to its being successful.

Despicable Theft

From 11-Year-Old Girl

Telling the defendant that it was a despicable theft as the object had been stolen from a girl, Mr. Himsforth at Kowloon Magistracy to-day sentenced Leung To, 25, to 12 months, to three months' hard labour.

Leung admitted stealing an earring from Le Yau, aged 11. Det-Sergeant Johnson said Le was sleeping in her stall at Holt's wharf on Saturday when she was awakened by Leung taking away her earring. She recognised defendant as a scoundrel of the wharf and chased him but lost him in the dark. Defendant was arrested after police enquiries.

Printed Matter Ban Withdrawn

LONDON, Oct. 29 (British Wire- less).—The communication orders which prohibited the carrying of printed matter to places outside the United Kingdom, and the export of imports, other than by post, of articles such as newspapers, books, maps etc. to most neutral European countries, which were issued at the outbreak of war as necessary measures to combat the passing out of the enemy by spies in this country, have been now replaced by a new order from the War Office.

Under the new order, a permit is no longer required for sending printed matter to any British Dominion, Colony, Mandated Territory or to Eire, France or any North or South American country.

No prohibited matter may still be posted, carried or shipped to neutral European countries, China, Japan or Russia, but permits are granted to the trade.

Attempt To Snatch Bag Foiled

After entering into a conversation with a girl who was waiting for a bus in Morrison Hill Road early this morning, Chan Nam, 30, unemployed, attempted to snatch her handbag, containing \$11.55. The girl, however, hung on to it and Chan fled, but was chased and caught by a policeman.

Before Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy Chan pleaded guilty to the offence, and was remanded until Wednesday to ascertain his fitness for a hearing. Inspector A. V. Baker prosecuted.

Lawlessness Of The U-Boats

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuter).—A special commentary issued to-day states that special interest has been aroused in Britain at the Premier's recent speech in which he referred to the growing lawlessness of the U-bent campaign, particularly the number of women and children on the passenger lists.

It is noted that about 50 per cent. of these are reported missing.

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